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Heat sets millions of pine cones popping

By PAUL MILLER

IT TURNS out you don't need a wildfire to get Monterey pines to reproduce. You just need a really good heat wave.

This week, with temperatures hovering around 90° in the usually cool forests of the Monterey Peninsula, millions of cones on the ubiquitous pines responded by popping open and releasing their seeds, creating a cacophony overhead and a shower of spiraling seed pods, spooking horses from the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center and creating disbelief among golfers.

"I've never heard it like this before," said Pam Van Valkenberg, assistant barn manager at the equestrian center. Two trail rides went out Tuesday morning through thick pine forests, and the horses were definitely aware something unusual was happening.

"They didn't bolt or anything, but they were looking around and you could tell they were thinking, 'What's going on?' " said another equestrian center employee, Amy Lampi.

"It sounded like a whole bunch of squirrels cracking nuts open at the same time," Van Valkenberg said.

After a round in the heat at Pebble Beach Tuesday, caddy David Brownfield said golfers weren't buying the explanation he offered for the loud crackling in the forest that lines the golf links.

"We told them it was the pine cones opening, but they didn't believe us," Brownfield said.

"I didn't know what to think," said Myra Collins, a longtime Pebble Beach resident who said she retreated

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PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

A closed Monterey pine cone (top) can transform into an open one in a heat wave such as the one that hit the Carmel area this week, releasing dozens of seeds (at right). The hands belong to Carmel City Forester Mike Branson.

City hall shakeup could save mega cash

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MAJOR reorganization at city hall could cut more than 17 full-time jobs — many currently vacant — and save the city almost $1 million next year, city administrator Rich Guillen told the Carmel City Council Monday at its first meeting since the April 13 election.

During the workshop — the first of several scheduled hearings on the budget and three-year work plan — the council also heard money-raising ideas from a seven-member committee of residents and business people.

Tasked with examining all options, the committee spent several months poring over city documents and investigating options ranging from soliciting grad students to work for free, to producing a city-branded credit card, selling city property or charging transient occupancy tax on 30-day rentals.

"They were told everything was on the table — that they could look at anything considered before and what had not been considered," Mayor Sue McCloud said of the revenues and expenses advisory committee.

Council members took no formal action during the workshop; instead, they encouraged Guillen to investigate those ideas, as well as negotiate with the unions to cut city staff positions, hours, wages and insurance benefits, and perhaps

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NEW PROCEDURE PUTS THE HEAT ON FIBROIDS

Gynecologist's discovery treats tumors; leaves uterus intact

By KIMBERLY WHITE

BY THE time they are 50, almost 70 percent of Caucasian women and more than 80 percent of black women have uterine fibroid tumors, according to medical experts, and the only recourse for those who suffer from their symptoms has been to have them surgically removed or undergo hysterectomies.

At least, until recently.

In 1999, Carmel gynecologist Dr. Bruce Lee discovered that a procedure known as radio frequency ablation — which was already being used to treat liver cancer and other soft-tissue tumors — could also eliminate fibroids while leaving the uterus intact. This is a godsend for women who hope to have children.

According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, fibroids — resulting from an overgrowth of uterine muscle tissue — can range in size from peas to melons and can occur on the inside and outside of the uterus. Most of them are benign, or non-cancerous, and require nothing more than regular monitoring by a physician, according to the association.

However, 30 percent of women with fibroids experience so much discomfort during sexual intercourse, bleeding and cramps

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This stunning view now belongs to you

By KIMBERLY WHITE

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Regional Park District has purchased 680 acres of Palo Corona Ranch, the first step in its plan to acquire 4,300 acres of the gigantic property, the district announced Thursday morning.

Escrow closed April 2 on the northern portion of the ranch that stretches from its entrance above the Carmel River to Animas Creek, ranch manager Lynn Overtree said. The second phase of the acquisition, which will convert about half of the ranch into the Palo Corona Ranch Regional Park, is expected to be completed within the next several months.

The remainder of the 10,000-acre ranch — purchased from billionaire Craig McCaw for $37 million in 2002 — will be maintained as wilderness by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Although the 4,300-acre parcel was appraised at $30 million — because it is close to the coast and contains most of the legal lots-of-record — only $3.2 million in local tax money was used, with the rest coming from state and federal tax funds, according to Joseph Donofrio, the park district's general manager.

"That's a wonderful deal for the community," he said. "We spent just a small amount of local tax money and then we went out and got this large amount of grant money to acquire this property. Otherwise, just with our limited resources, there's no way we could have done it."

In its entirety, the 10,000-acre ranch

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PHOTO/COURTESY DOUG STEAKLEY

This view is one of many offered from the peaks of the 10,000-acre Palo Corona Ranch, 680-acres of which were purchased by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District April 2.

LAIRD SEEKS CHEAPER POWER FOR DESAL

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN ASSEMBLY Bill compelling the Public Utilities Commission to reduce power rates for desalination plants has passed through two committees and is on its way to a third. Assemblyman John Laird hopes his AB 2918 will reach the Assembly floor by the end of May and become law next January.

"Electricity is the biggest cost of operating desal plants, and having a different rate structure will make them more affordable to build and for the ratepayers," he told The Pine Cone.

If signed by the governor, the bill would give the PUC a year to study the feasibility of requiring large power companies to sell electricity to desal plant operators at a lower price. Only plants brought online after Jan. 1, 2006, would be eligible.

Steve Leonard, a California-American Water Co. vice president who manages the company's Monterey Division, said the bill would make desalination — already an attractive option simply because there are few others on the water-starved Peninsula — even more attractive.

"The predictability of price is really important in the design of the plant and rate setting and planning on our part," he said.

Cal-Am is working with Monterey County, the PUC and the cities inside and outside its service area to determine the size of the desal plant it plans to build in Moss Landing. The company has hired an Orange County firm to handle the extensive environmental review.

"The pumping and movement of water is power intensive, and desal involves pumping water at very high pressures through membranes," he said. "From my point of view as someone who's pushing a desal facility, I think it's a great idea."

John Laird

Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter, who is also a Monterey Peninsula Water Management District director and a member of the coastal commission, said he could not find fault with Laird's proposal.

"I'm encouraged by it. One of the major issues has been the expense of operation from the energy side, and anything that would help reduce that would certainly facilitate the development of a desal facility," he said.

Potter was pleasantly surprised the assemblyman authored a bill that could ease the stranglehold on water on the Peninsula.

"I've looked at it, and I don't see anything wrong with it at first glance," he said. "I hope the intent is what it appears to be."

Inspired by water shortage

It was Monterey County's perennial water shortage that inspired the bill, according to Laird, who said it could succeed where similar legislation has failed.

"It's really important to focus on what it would take to develop a water project," he said.

Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 power company based in San Diego, initially opposed the bill but has since assumed a neutral position, according to Laird. The East Bay Municipal Utilities District and the California Water Association support it, and Leonard said he could see no reason Cal-Am would not jump on board as well.

Having passed through the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce and the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife, AB 2918 is set to be heard by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. If approved by the full Assembly next month, the bill could get through the Senate and be signed by the governor in time to take effect Jan. 1, 2005, giving the PUC a year to research an alternative rate class for desal plants.

"My belief is if the PUC can make it work, they would," Laird said.

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Armed robber hits Crossroads jewelry store

Second robbery at gunpoint in two weeks

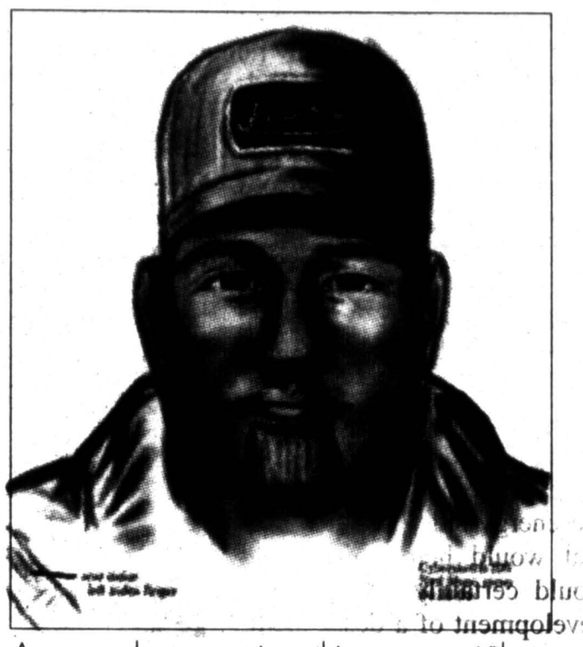
By MARY BROWNFIELD

A GUN-WIELDING robber stole two diamond rings worth $16,000 from a Crossroads jewelry store Saturday afternoon, and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether the crime was related to the April 10 gunpoint robbery of a nearby gas station.

Around 1:15 p.m. April 24, a man walked into Hesselbein's Jewelry on Crossroads Boulevard and asked to see two engagement rings, according to a report filed by Sgt. John DiCarlo. While examining the merchandise, he pulled out a semiautomatic handgun and pointed it at the salesman before running out of the store with the rings. The salesman followed but did not see where the suspect went or if he escaped in a car.

"The sales person, being a wise individual, didn't do anything which would cause him or other staffers harm," MCSO Commander Chuck Monarque said.

"We have insurance and the financial loss is not that much, considering this is the first robbery we've had in 37 years," said store owner Arthur Hesselbein. "What's outrageous is that somebody will walk into a store in the middle of the afternoon and pull out a gun."



Anyone who recognizes this man — with or without the goatee — should call the sheriff's office at 647-7702.

Hesselbein said he was bringing in experts to review his store's security procedures and is installing a new security system. "We have to do our best to make sure this doesn't happen again," he said.

Witnesses described the suspect as a red-haired, white male in his 20s or 30s, thinly

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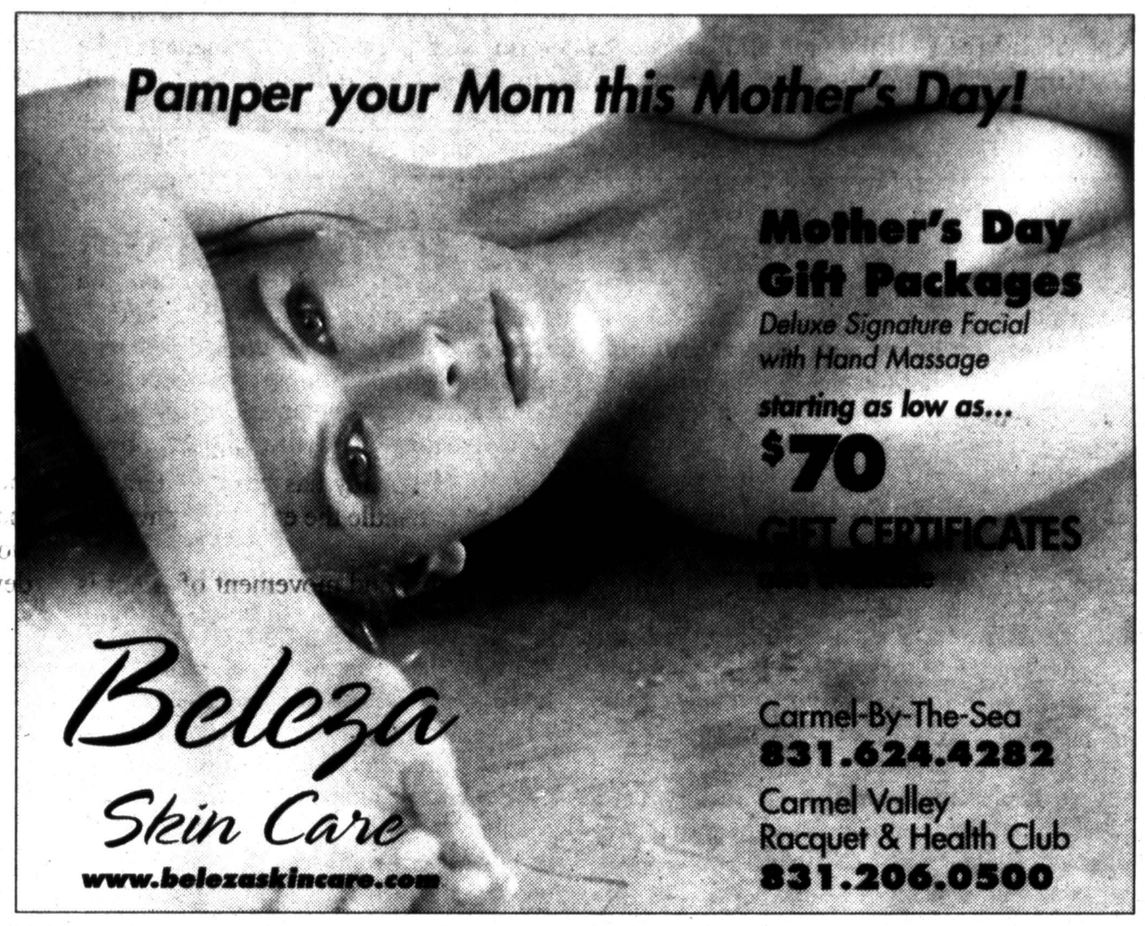

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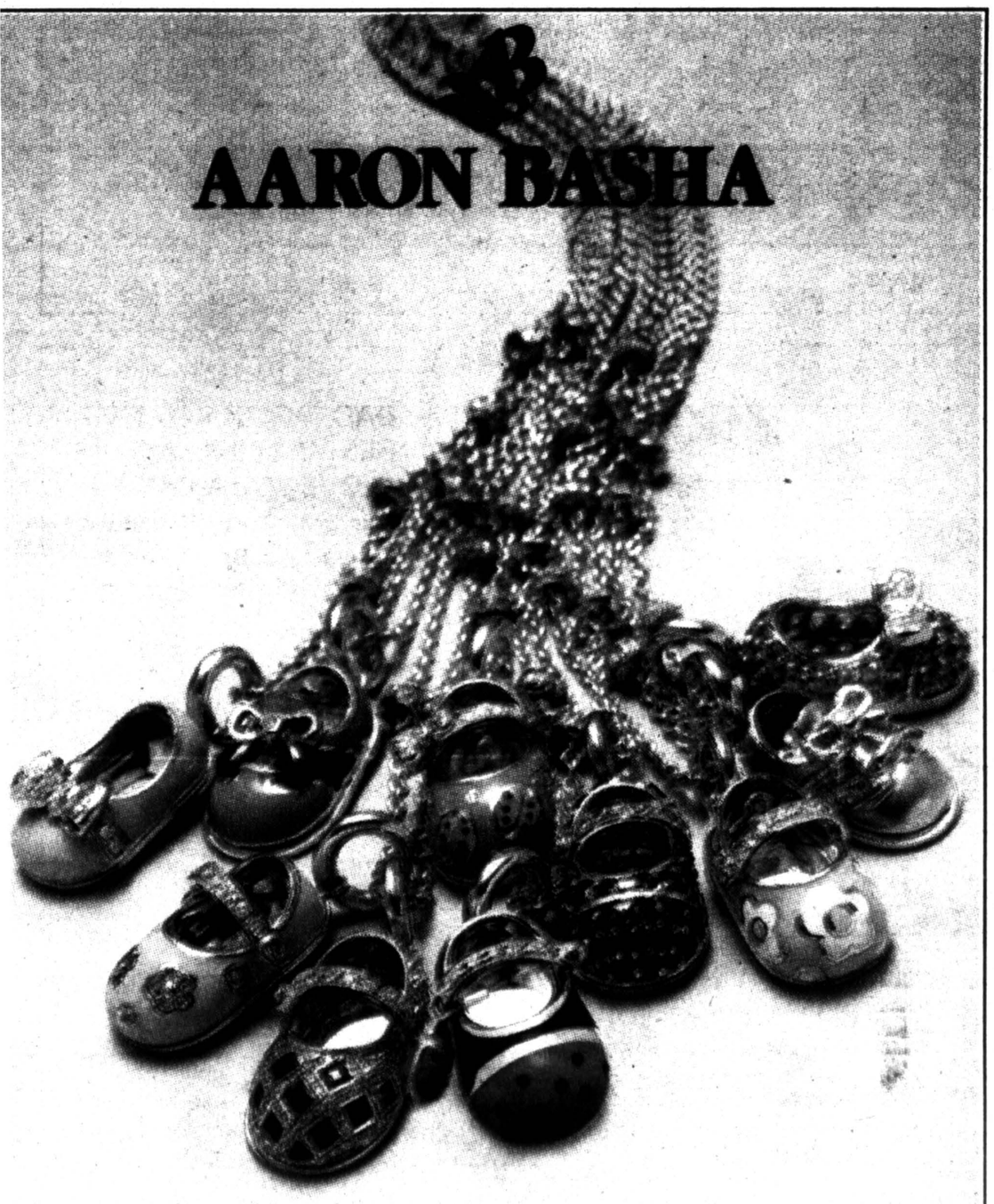

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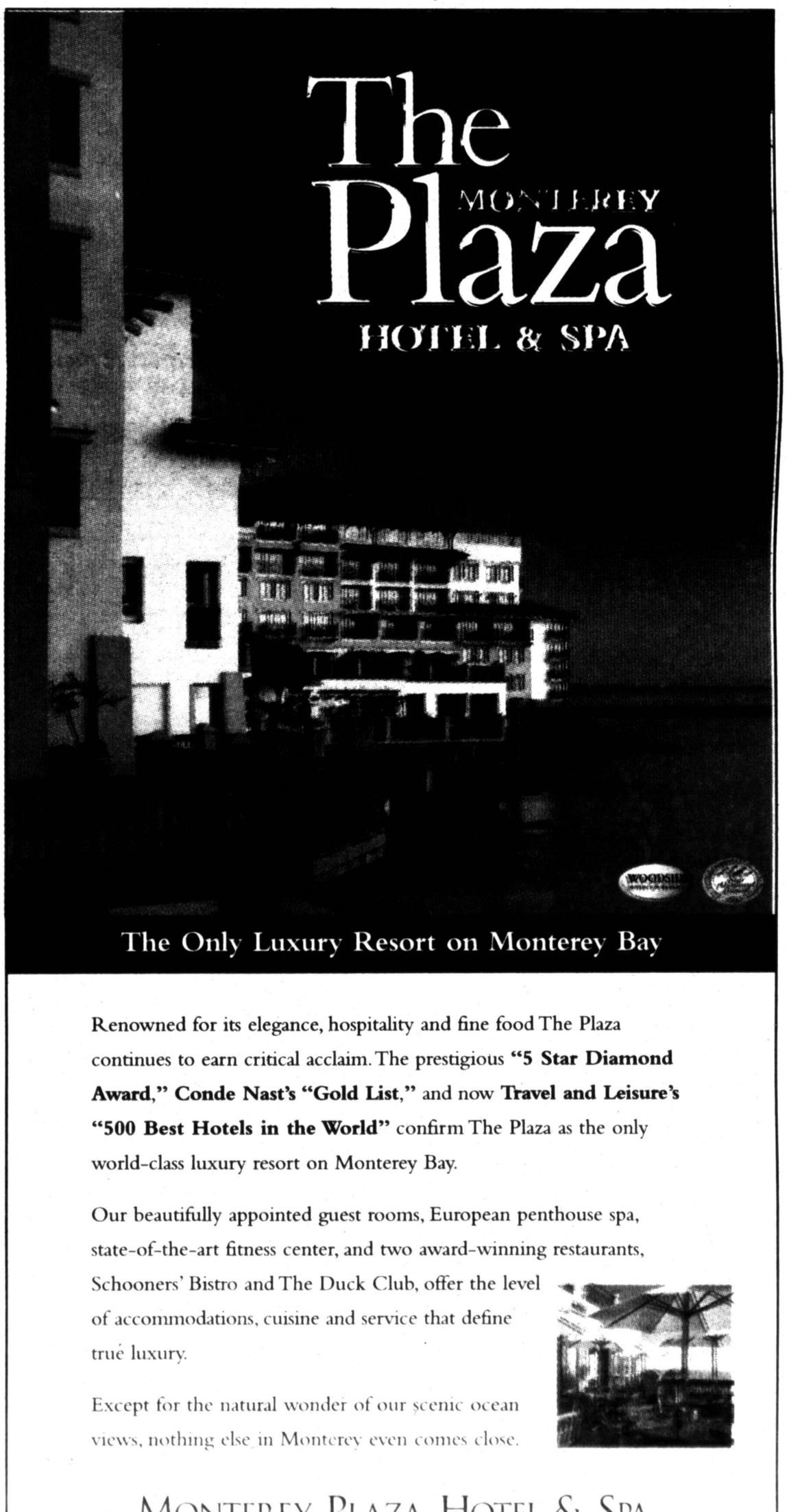

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Tiny downtown fire a mystery

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen flagged down officer at Ocean and San Antonio to report losing her puppy, Lucy. At the same time she was making the report, a female called to say Lucy was found. Transported the citizen and her friend to Mission and Fifth and they were reunited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guadalupe resident reported an unknown subject was attempting to break into a back window. When he opened his back door, the suspect possibly dropped a pry bar and then walked out of the backyard, ran south to a small compact car and then sped away. Unable to provide any vehicle description or suspect information except the suspect was wearing a ski cap or mask. Area checked with negative results. Contacted a neighbor and inspected her yard. It was immediately apparent that he was possibly mistaken due to his level of intoxication since there was a 6-foot-high iron fence and a 7-foot-tall bush in the area the suspect supposedly ran through. Also, the dirt was not disturbed at the top of the fence. The cobwebs on the window were not disturbed and no pry bar was found. She did not hear anything unusual. Unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD units responded to a Rio Road residence since sheriff's deputies were tied up with another detail and could not respond to a possible domestic. Arrived and contacted a female who stated she felt people in the building were gassing her and tapping her phones. She added that she called 911 on her cell phone because she did not want the other people to hear her conversation. She stated the tenant above her was in a physical domestic dispute. Contacted the upstairs resident, who was alone and asleep. She appeared fine but was upset since officers were there and this has been an ongoing problem with the other resident making false allegations about her and others in the complex. Officers were allowed inside and it was quickly determined the domestic violence call was false. She advised she will bring the matter up with the management of the complex. MCSO notified.

Carmel area: Information taken at a Cuesta Way residence.

Carmel area: Information taken at an Edgefield Place residence.

Big Sur: Lost/found/missing property at a property on Highway 1 45 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Big Sur: Information taken at a Highway 1 restaurant.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded for public assistance at a Carmel Plaza restaurant. Firefighters discovered a fire sprinkler with a leak of about one gallon per minute under about 125 psi. A significant amount of water was on the floor and was slowly leaking into the restaurant space below. Owner said he needed no assistance from firefighters. Fire personnel shut down valves to the affected part of the complex but were unable to find a system drain valve for the same area. Drain valve in kitchen enabled the damaged sprinkler head to be drained to relieve pressure and stop the leak. Restaurant workers cleaned up standing water and firefighters checked to make sure there were no further water problems. Service company contacted and unable to repair until the following day. Police were advised and asked to please patrol the plaza more closely until repairs were made.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111, Engine 7131 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a reported vegetation fire at the northwest corner of Ocean and Monte Verde. Upon arrival, a bystander from a nearby business had extinguished the fire with an extinguisher. Firefighters applied approximately five gallons of water to the one-square-foot patch. The scene was secure within a few minutes. Cause unknown.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with primary survey, packaging and gathering information on a 19-month-old male who had experienced oral trauma from an accident in his stroller. As a precaution, the child was transported, accompanied by his mother, to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on Monterey Street. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with primary survey, oxygen administration, diagnostics and gathering information on an 83-year-old female who had fallen and was experiencing back pain and dizziness. Patient denied c-spine precautions and did not want to be taken to the hospital. She was advised of the risks attached to not having x-rays and being seen by a doctor, but she still denied further treatment and transport.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units dispatched to an open door at Guadalupe and Fourth. House was searched and found to be empty. No criminal activity was noted. A note was left and the house was secured. Resident later contacted the station and said he was visiting a neighbor and had left the door open. He stated everything was OK.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of harassing phone calls received.

Pebble Beach: Malicious mischief to a mailbox at an Ortega Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Grand theft from a Riata Road residence. Resident reported a sign stolen from his gate.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense theft of tools from a Homestead Road residence.

Carmel area: Verbal domestic dispute at the Crossroads Mall.

Pebble Beach: Domestic dispute at a residence.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances at a Whalers Way residence.

Big Sur: Grand theft from a victim on Highway 1 47 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Pebble Beach: Burglary of a Riata Road residence. Homeowner reported his handgun was stolen sometime during a party that was thrown by his daughter while he was on vacation. Make, model and serial number recorded in state database.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of a female who fell at Mission and Sixth. Located a female lying in the driveway with bystanders assisting her. Assessed her and found she had hip and wrist pain. She denied further medical treatment and signed a release form.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made to follow up on a loose dog complaint reported 04-06-04. Information obtained and warning issued. He has repaired the fence to prevent any further escapes. No further action needed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pet dog, Spike, found by an inn employee at Dolores and Third. Moments after contacting the employee, the owner arrived to take custody of the dog. He was warned about securing his dog in the future.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A red Ford T-bird was parked at First and Guadalupe with registration expired since 10-03. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron. Vehicle contained trash, a sweatshirt, papers, hats, stereo/tape deck out of dash and on the floor.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person called CPD in regards to a subject causing a disturbance at Carmel Mission. Area checked and he was not

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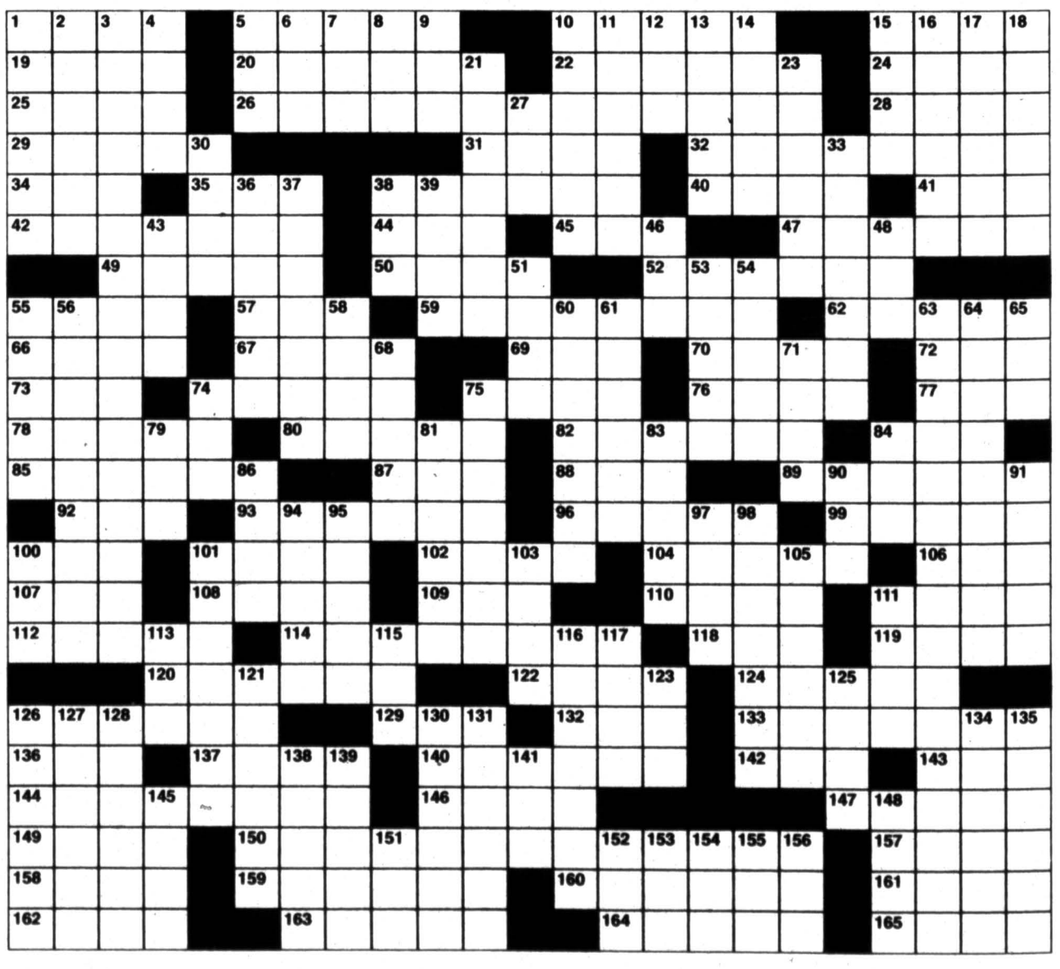

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87 Boy toy?
88 Rev.'s address
89 Kind of special
92 Double-decker, e.g.
93 Sanctioned
96 Michael and others
99 Jumps (out)
100 Shoot the breeze
101 Tip off
102 Daddy-o
104 Former sporty Pontiacs
106 "Tsk, tsk!"
107 Judge Lance
108 Make ___ dash for
109 "Strange Magic" band, for short
110 Sniffish sort
111 Painter Magritte
112 Foreign assembly
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118 Spike's greeting
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120 Top
122 Green land?
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158 Pull an all-nighter
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161 Part of a pot
162 "Beetle Bailey" pooch
163 Like some neutrals
164 Guam's capital, old-style
165 Operatic prince

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6 Shed stuff
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9 The Fighting Tigers of the Southeastern Conf.
10 Can't stand
11 Locked up
12 12th-century year
13 Janis of stage and screen
14 Troutlike fish
15 Persian cry
16 Garden spots
17 Camper's jelly
18 "Yo!"
21 One of the Islas Baleares
23 Tropical flower in florists' shops
27 Modern, to Beethoven
30 Alcatraz inmate
33 Pink flamingo, for one
36 AARP target
37 Stopped fooling around
38 Person likely to have binoculars
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51 To be, to Gigi
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135 Big shooter
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139 1965 Moody Blues hit
141 Classical opener?
145 San ___, Italian Riviera city
148 Kyrgyzstan range
151 "Lord, is ___?": Matthew
152 Motor add-on
153 Singer's job
154 ___ New York minute
155 Junior
156 Part of a chorus line?

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found. He was later contacted at Highway 1 and Rio Road and was clear of all wants or holds. He was counseled and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported losing his wedding ring on Carmel Beach near the restrooms on 04-10-04. The ring is described as having a black stone on top and the rest of the mount interwoven.

Carmel area: Follow-up conducted at the Mission Ranch Inn.

Pebble Beach: Watch lost at the Lodge at Pebble Beach.

Carmel Valley: Death report taken at East Carmel Valley Road and Tassajara Road.

Pebble Beach: Citizen contacted at a Sunridge Road residence.

Big Sur: License plate stolen off of a vehicle parked on Highway 1 10 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense malicious mischief at a Bird Rock Road residence.

Carmel area: Harassing calls received at a Morse Drive residence.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to Dolores and Fifth to a request for public assistance. Discovered a female unable to gain access to her apartment possibly due to a damaged door lock. Her key and the complex master key would not unlock the door, so firefighters used a 24-foot ladder to access a door off the balcony. Key worked in the balcony door and the woman was able to access her residence. Fire personnel helped the woman bring her groceries into the apartment and then returned to the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a male adult soliciting money. He lives in a cottage to the rear and the caller was concerned because the subject does not pay the money back as promised. Contacted a resident, who said the man borrowed $10 and said he would pay it back the next day, but didn't. Contacted a female who said he asked for $40 for a tow. He said he would repay her tomorrow. She gave him the money because she wanted to get rid of him and was afraid he would get angry if she said no. She stated he was nice but she was uncomfortable. She does not know him and he never repaid her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver of a 1997 Volvo pulled out from a stop sign at Dolores and Fifth and ran into the side of a 1992 Lexus traveling southbound on Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident called in regards to turning off a water main at her neighbor's house since there was a water leak. She gained the assistance of a construction worker who was nearby. Construction worker contacted the owner and the water was turned off.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Close patrol of the Mission conducted in regard to past-tense incident involving a suspicious subject who had wandered on the property on Monday. Listed subject was involved in a disturbance. Area checked; no sign of the subject.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male, 49, cited at Ocean and Carpenter for driving his white 1994 Ford Ranger while having a suspended or revoked driver license.

Carmel area: Vehicle check conducted at the Crossroads.

Big Sur: Assisted another agency on Highway 1 46.4 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Peace disturbance/fight at a Barnyard business. A male Hemet resident, 53, was arrested for being drunk in public after consuming three beers at a pub and trying to start a fight with another patron.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A brown 1982 Mazda was found parked at Rio Road and Ladera with registration expired since 07-03. DMV records check confirmed the registration was expired and a PNO was filed. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a possible disturbance. Upon arrival, a subject was contacted on the front porch. He stated he had been locked out of the residence and got mad, so he started pounding the front door. Resident got scared and called 911. He was transported to a local hotel via taxi. Advised on how to get a restraining order.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While conducting a check at Scenic and Del Mar, noticed a vehicle parked against traffic and contacted the driver. Records check revealed a suspended license due to failure to inform the DMV of involvement in an October 2003 accident. Gave her a

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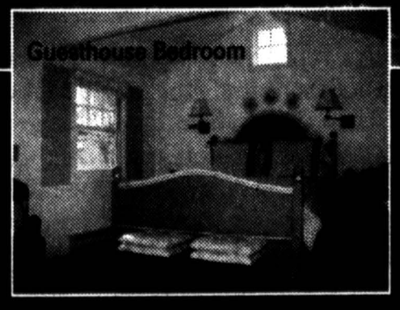

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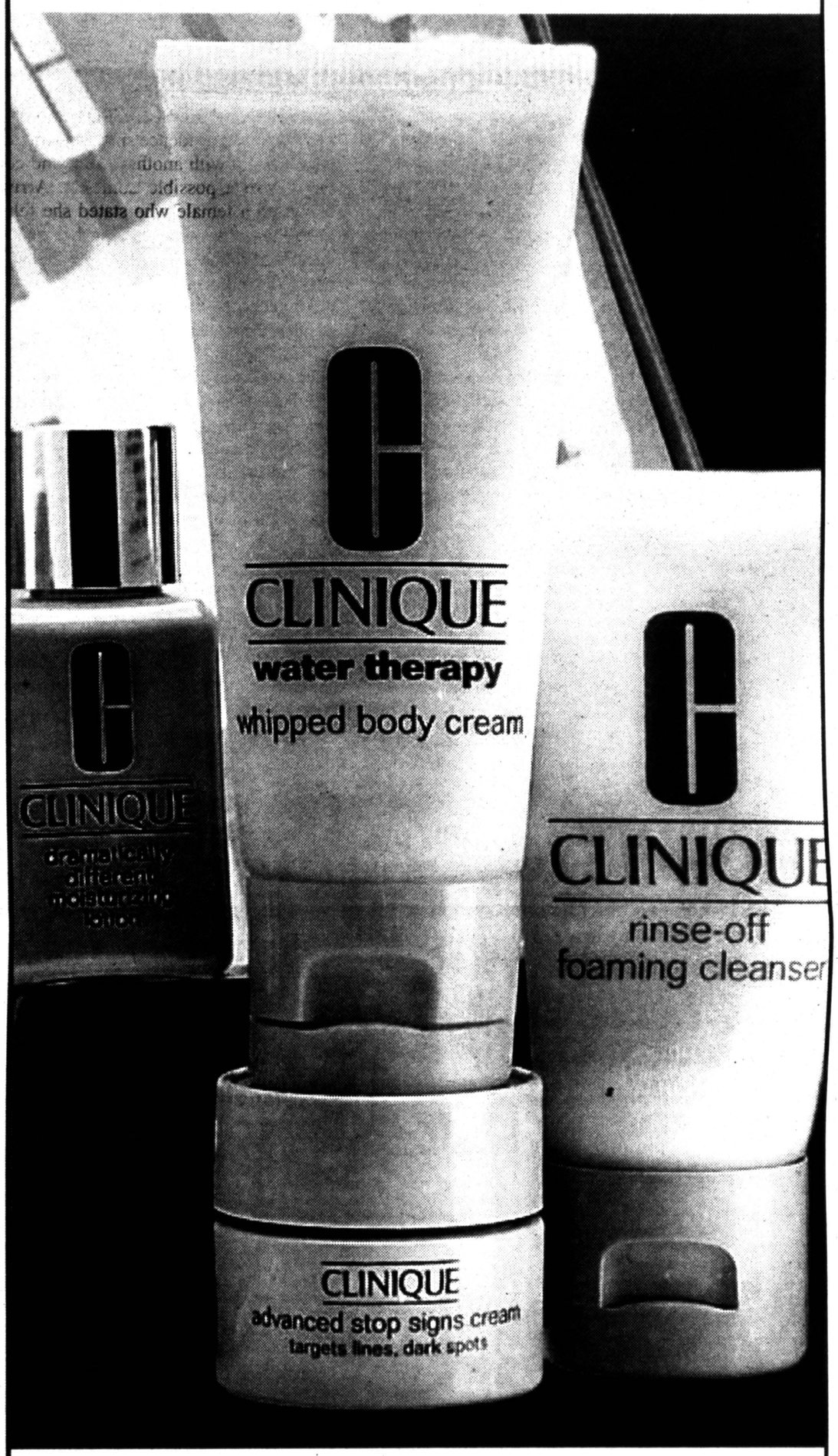

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Man dies in Big Sur Marathon

By MARY BROWNFIELD

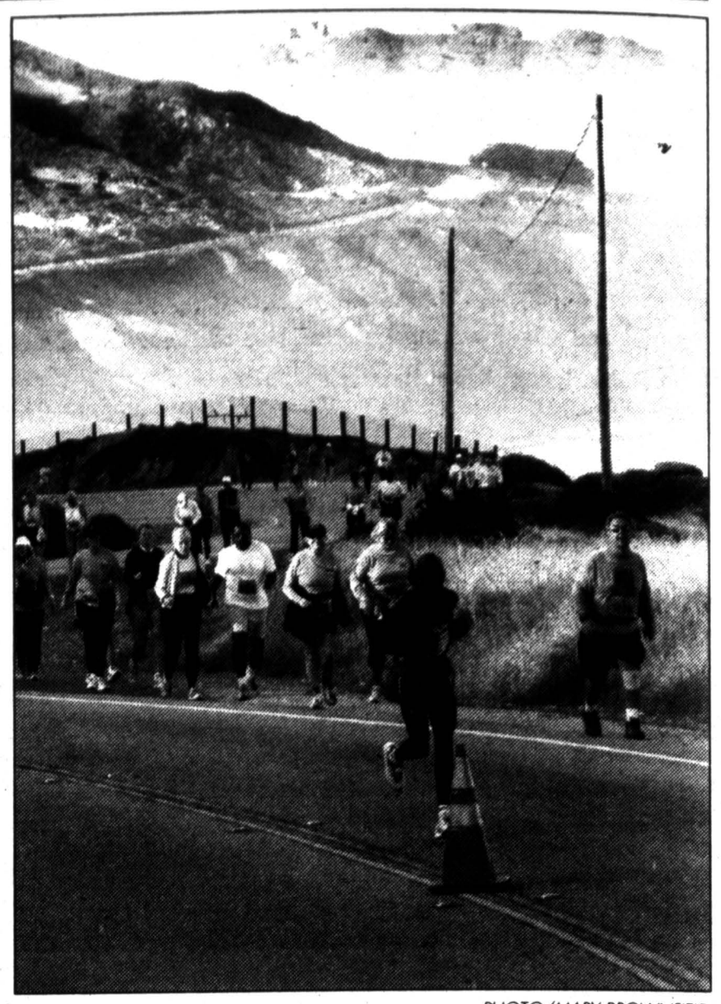
A CLOGGED artery caused the irregular heartbeat that triggered the fatal heart attack of Pennsylvania resident Mathew Kogut while he was running the Big Sur International Marathon Sunday.

Running the race with friend James McIntyre, Kogut, 47, arrived at the 17-mile-mark water station near Soberanes Point around 10:45 a.m.

"He told his friend, 'I feel faint,' and then just collapsed," said Carmel Police Sgt. John Nyunt, who had been patrolling the race course on a bicycle as part of a five-person emergency response team. "An AMR ambulance was there, and they immediately started trying to resuscitate him."

While the nurse on Nyunt's team assisted with lifesaving efforts, Nyunt handled communications. He radioed race control to advise officials there was a man down on the course. He provided Kogut's bib number, which allowed officials to identify him and radio back any medical history Kogut provided when he registered.

"It was pretty chaotic, because there were so many people running, and the race kept going during the efforts to save his life," he said. In addition, a convoy of cars heading south was lining up nearby.



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Two-time Big Sur Marathon winner Jonathan Ndambuki led the field for much of Sunday's race, including up Hurricane Point, but a hamstring cramp slowed him at the end, and he netted a third-place finish. Kenyan Ibrahim Limo won, with a time of 2:26:18.

Nyunt and California Highway Patrol officers searched for a spot to accommodate a rescue helicopter, but there was no room.

Instead, the ambulance rushed Kogut, accompanied by McIntyre, to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

"They were continuing CPR and the automatic electric defibrillator, but there were no vital signs," Nyunt said. "They continued lifesaving efforts all the way up to the hospital."

He called the incident "tragic," and said he felt deep sympathy for McIntyre, and for the runner's wife, who had been waiting for him at the finish line. Race director Wally Kastner sent his condolences to Kogut's family. His was the second death in the marathon's 19-year history.

Heart attack risks

It's likely no amount of resources could have saved Kogut, because emergency workers would not have been able to clear the blockage from his heart, according to Dr. Harlan Grogin, an electrophysiologist who works at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and CHOMP.

"It's certainly tragic what happened to this guy, who I'm sure was otherwise healthy," he said.

Following Kogut's collapse from cardiac arrest, Monterey County Coroner's Investigator Thomas Jenkins concluded he "died as a result of ventricular arrhythmia due to atherosclerosis."

While stress tests can reveal severe blockages, Grogin said, someone with buildup blocking about 20 percent of the arteries could pass such a test without detection and be in fine shape.

"Obviously, if he's running marathons, he's probably not having any symptoms," Grogin said. "He probably had a minor blockage that burst and formed a clot [which blocked the artery], and he had a heart attack."

A heart deprived of blood flow and oxygen will beat irregularly and quickly die, Grogin explained.

"An acute heart attack can cause abnormal heart rhythms, and they're lethal," he said. "Some people never make it to the hospital."

Administering shocks from an AED might regulate the rhythm for a moment, but the arrhythmia would immediately return because the shocks can't clear the blockage.

"The underlying problem is still not corrected," he said.

While heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, Grogin said people should not be dissuaded from running or any other form of exercise.

"Overall, it is rare for someone who is otherwise healthy to die suddenly, and the benefits of exercise far outweigh the risks," he strongly emphasized.

But anyone who might be at higher risk of a heart attack — due to a family history of heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or smoking — should be assessed.

"In terms of preventing something like that from happening, we treat the things we know need to be treated," he said. "We try to treat them aggressively."

While it's debatable whether low-risk individuals should still undergo costly scans in search of minor blockages, Grogin, himself a runner and participant in the marathon relay Sunday, advised anyone with concerns to see a doctor.

Emergency measures

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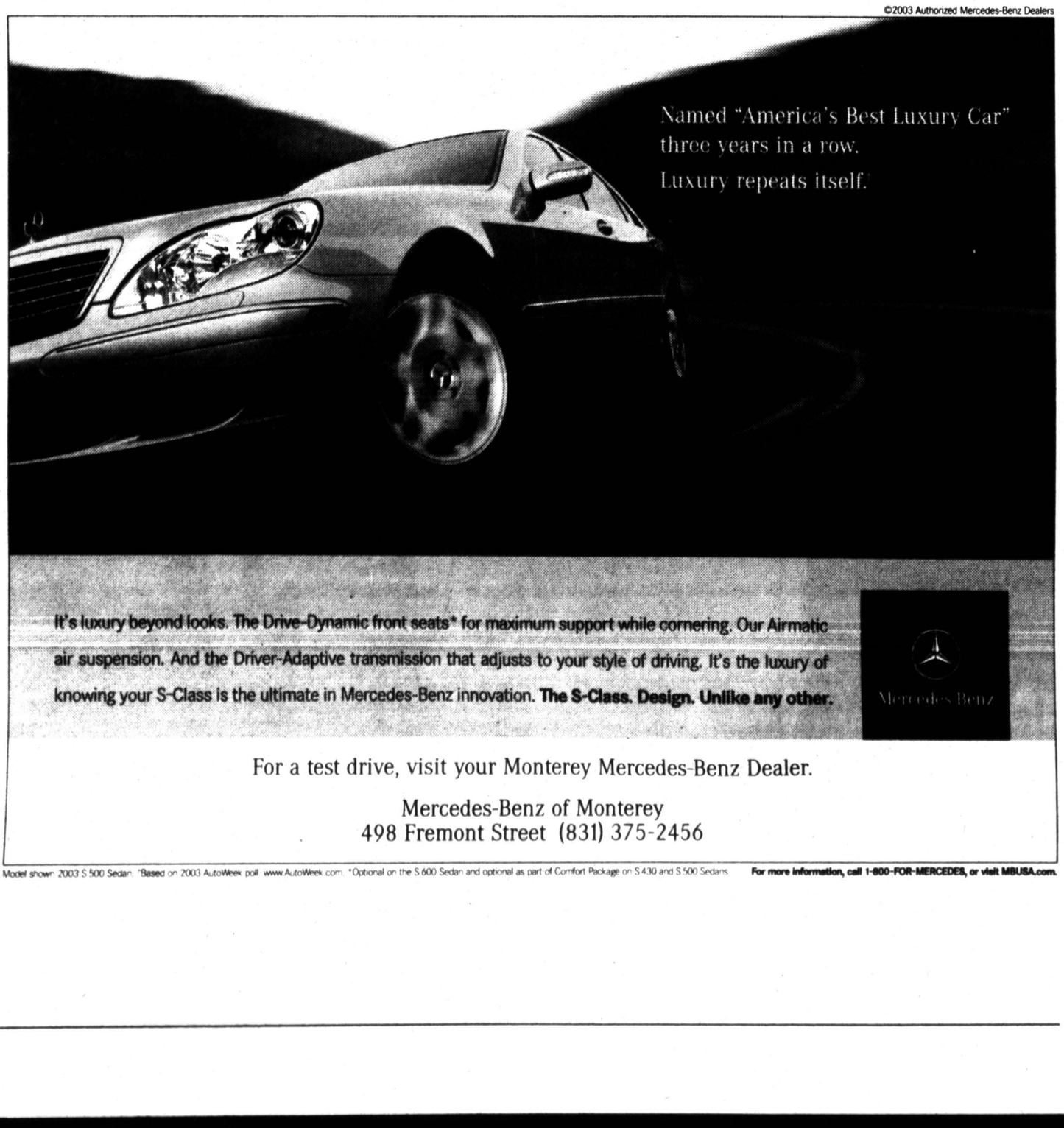
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BIG SUR ANTICIPATES BIGGER, BETTER HEALTH CENTER

By KIMBERLY WHITE

ALTHOUGH IT is the only medical facility between Carmel and Cambria, the Big Sur Health Center does not exactly shine as a bright beacon of hope.

A dark brown water stain mars a ceiling panel in the reception area.

Its laboratory, practitioner's office, medication preparation room and nurse's station are all crammed into a 13-by-15-foot room.

And, on occasion, its front screen door has been known to fall off its hinges.

But through a combination of grants and fundraising activities over the last two years, the nonprofit community clinic has raised all but $20,000 of the $200,000 required for its new digs. Come September, a new building will sit in the same spot as the two trailers the center has called home for almost 20 years, and its five-member staff — two physicians, one nurse, a physician's assistant and an office manager — are looking forward to having more elbow room.

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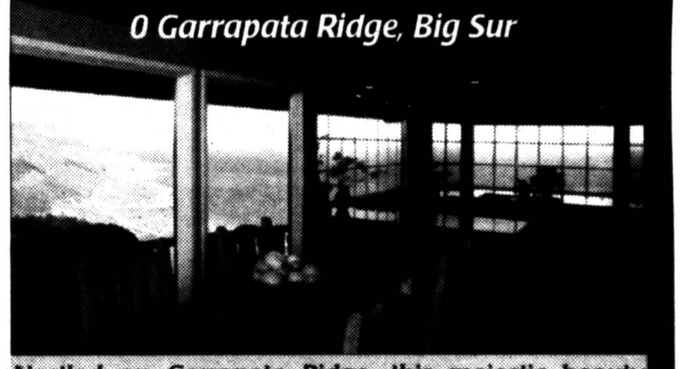

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Today's Real Estate

by MAUREEN MASON
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Credit and Homeowner's Insurance

On the surface, this seems a very odd way to evaluate how much someone should pay for their homeowners' insurance, but insurance companies have for many years been factoring into their analysis the credit score of an insurance applicant. In other words, if you have a poor credit record and, as a result, a poor credit score, an insurance company is likely to charge you more for your insurance.

Officials at insurance companies explain that extensive studies have shown a very specific correlation between a person's credit score and his or her likelihood of filing insurance claims. No one knows exactly why this is so, but insurance companies have been running with this information for quite some time. Thus, if your insurance premium rises mysteriously, you may want to check to see if your credit score has risen recently.

This is one of many reasons that we should pay relatively constant attention to our credit records — check the credit reports from the three top credit reporting agencies, making certain there are no errors as well as finding ways to keep our records as clean as possible. This is no longer a matter that we can put on the back burner until we decide to take out new home financing. It affects our ability to get any kind of loan, our insurance premiums, and an increasing number of aspects of our financial life.

Thankfully, the credit reporting agencies are now required by law to let us see our credit reports once each years and, for a small fee, to see our credit scores as well. It's worth the effort. After all, a higher credit score might allow us to ask our insurer for a lower premium — and will definitely improve our ability to get loans.

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Brigade aims to deploy more care packages

By KIMBERLY WHITE

WHILE THEIR sons and daughters are being deployed to various points across the globe, a militia of a different sort is busy here on the home front.

Since October, when Operation Yellow Ribbon was launched, 1,500 care packages filled with donations from Monterey Peninsula residents have been sent to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The latest load of 306 packages was shipped out in March, and organizers are soliciting donations for the next shipment, slated to be sent out in May. Each package — which includes everything from toothbrushes to phone cards and disposable cameras — also contains a letter written by a school-age child.

"Dear Soldier: We watch the news every day and hear more about our men dying. Hopefully this acts as a note of encouragement though. We can't wait until you return home, and we know that you are serving our country well," one note read.

The card featured an origami crane from a 1,300-crane hanging sculpture created by Santa Catalina students after the Sept. 11 attacks. Carmel resident Joan Bizzozero, who is spearheading Operation Yellow Ribbon, said more cards and cranes will be included in the May shipment.

"We're trying to get them out by the end of May because, that way, we can get the kids before they leave school," she said.

Bizzozero came up with the idea after hearing about a program in Delaware to buy necessities for troops stationed in Iraq. When she placed a call to the Defense Language Institute and was told there were no similar programs in the area, she decided to start one on her own.

Carmel Valley resident Peggy Christensen said she got involved with Operation Yellow Ribbon in November — after her 20-year-old son was deployed to Iraq — to deal with her worry in a positive way.

"I saw Joan on the front page of The Pine Cone packing boxes and told her I wanted to get involved," recalled Christensen, who also recently donated 15,000 frequent-flier miles for soldiers on leave.

Quail Lodge, Dakota Jake's and the Monterey Marriott, where Christensen works, have all been extremely generous, donating lotion, soap and shampoo for inclusion in the packages, she said.

'It just makes me feel better, knowing that they're getting care packages, that they're being supported by us.'

— Peggy Christensen

"It just makes me feel better, knowing that they're getting care packages, that they're being supported by us," she said. "I feel like it's just really important to let them know that they're being cared about over here."

For now, all donations are being stored at Bizzozero's home. Just before shipment time, the items will be trucked to Pacific Grove's Gateway Center and wrapped by volunteers, children and residents.

In thank-you letters, Bizzozero said, soldiers have expressed how much the packages help to boost their morale — especially in light of the anti-war activities they see and read about in the news media.

"We have the names of some people from the Monterey area who are overseas, and if possible, we send the packages to their division," Bizzozero explained.

Personal letters are needed, and other requested items include toothbrushes, travel size mouthwash and toothpaste, phone cards, disposable cameras, foot powder, individually wrapped hard candies, snacks, peanuts, gum, granola bars, new or used DVDs and CDs, hand-held games, batteries, socks, paperback books and magazines. Cash donations are used to purchase items for the packages.

Word from the front is that anything not used by the troops is shared with Iraqi children.

To make a donation or for more information, call 625-5128.

CORRECTION

THE FIRST joint fundraiser by the Carmel and Monterey County chapters of the American Red Cross will occur Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8, at the Carmel Chapter House at Dolores and Eighth and the American Legion Hall next door. All proceeds from the Treasure Sale will benefit the disaster relief and many programs offered by the two chapters, which receive no help from the feds, large charities like United Way or the national Red Cross headquarters. Open to everyone and offering all sorts of treasures, the sale will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. For more information, call 624-6921.

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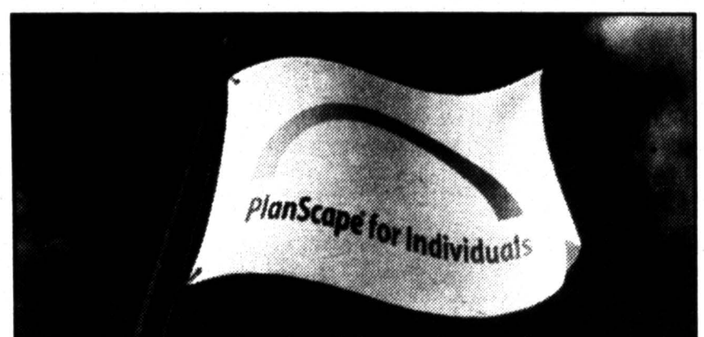

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stretches south from Carmel all the way to Hearst Castle, making the acquisition particularly significant, Donofrio said.

The California Department of Fish and Game plans to manage the bulk of the inland acreage as a "remote wilderness experience" for the public, said Bill Leahy, executive director of the Big Sur Land Trust.

According to The Nature Conservancy, the ranch links 13 ecologically important properties, including Point Lobos State Reserve, Carmel River State Beach and the Ventana Wilderness. Its purchase will eventually translate to greater preservation of many of the 20 rivers and creeks that wind their way through the valleys and forest, according to Leahy.

"And it gives the community and visitors a chance to readily connect to a backwoods experience from the doorstep of Carmel," he added.

The park district is "pretty open about exploring the potentials on the property," while taking into consideration resource-conservation issues, Donofrio said. Obtaining the necessary public-access permits will take several months, but if everything goes according to plan, the district will hold a grand-opening celebration in spring 2005.

The park district has a long history of working with local cities and other partners, principally the Big Sur Land Trust, then pulling other resources together to benefit the communities, Donofrio said. Leahy and Peggy McNutt, managing director of the central coast branch of The Nature Conservancy, pulled in California State Parks, the Wildlife Conservation Board, California Fish and Game and the California Coastal Conservancy to make this "historic purchase" a reality.

Park district seeks $19-a-year parcel tax

By PAUL MILLER

WITH SOLID backing from the Monterey County Taxpayers Association and a host of other civic groups, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District will ask voters to approve a parcel tax next month that would add approximately $800,000 to $1 million a year to the district's coffers.

"This is the first time in our 31-plus years the district has gone out to ask for additional resources," said general manager Joe Donofrio.

The money, generated by an annual assessment of $19 for each single-family home within the park district boundaries (with multi-family buildings and commercial property taxed at roughly $9 per unit or per quarter-acre of land) would be used for acquisition of critical open space on the Monterey Bay shore, but mainly for improvements to existing parks.

"They are limiting the amount of money that goes to land acquisition because they already have more land than they can utilize," said Ron Pasquinelli of the taxpayers group. "Most of the money will go to maintenance of existing facilities and making the parks they've got more accessible, rather than buying land out in the boonies that nobody can get to."

Pasquinelli said the taxpayers group's endorsement was also based on the ballot measure's "sunset clause," which will end the special assessment after 15 years unless it is renewed by voters. And expenditures of the new money will be overseen by an independent board.

"They'll go over the budget before the money is spent, rather than just being a rubber stamp after it's spent," Pasquinelli said.

According to Donofrio, $100,000 a year will also be set side for park projects in local communities.

"We anticipate having a grant program available to neighborhood associations, community groups and local cities for projects related to the park district's mission," Donofrio said.

The MPRPD was created by voters in 1972 to preserve open space and operate parks. Its best-known property is Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley. The district also played a key role in establishing the recreation trail that replaced the old Southern Pacific Railroad from Pacific Grove to Marina and has helped fund major open space acquisitions, including Palo Corona Ranch (see story, page A).

Since its founding, land values have drastically increased, while funding has declined, district officials said. An additional $200,000 in cuts from the district budget have been proposed this year by Sacramento to help solve the state's budget crisis.

"But we think parks are a good use of government money, and that's why we're supporting the new assessment," Pasquinelli said. It has also been endorsed by the Pacific Grove and Marina chambers of commerce and the Monterey Business Council and the Monterey County Association of Realtors.

Only owners can vote

Only property owners will be able to vote on the ballot measure, dubbed the "Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation Measure for the Monterey Peninsula," according to Donofrio, with the vote being weighted in favor of larger land owners, who would pay more.

The election will be conducted entirely by mail, with ballots going out on May 18. The park district assessment will need a majority of votes to be approved.

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'Good guy' runs from cops, lands in jail

By MARY BROWNFIELD

In a bizarre twist, the good guy turned out to be the bad guy after a shoplifting incident and a scuffle at a Carmel Plaza store Monday.

Vincent Verr, 40, ran from police and was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a parole violation after he apprehended a suspected shoplifter and tried to recover items stolen from Rox Arcana, according to CPD Sgt. Mel Mukai.

"While working at the store, he observed a suspect walk in and allegedly take an item," Mukai said of Verr, who had been hired to help Rox Arcana relocate to another Plaza space. "Mr. Verr made contact with alleged suspect."

The two got into a shoving match, according to Mukai. The shoplifter then backed down and said he would help Verr recover some stolen property.

But police were called after a witness told another story: that Verr had forced the other man into a silver truck and driven away. Arriving downtown, police found Verr but not the shoplifting suspect.

Verr ran when he saw the cops, according to Mukai. That surprised police, "because he was supposed to be the good guy."

After chasing him down, officers discovered Verr was from Los Angeles, where he was out on parole after serving time for burglary. He did not tell his parole officer when he left Southern California for Carmel, and a no-bail warrant was issued for his arrest, according to Mukai.

After Verr calmed down, he was "very cooperative," submitted to booking and gave his statement to police.

While Verr could have been extradited to Los Angeles for parole violation, the district attorney's office there decided to rescind the warrant, according to CPD Detective Buck Melton, so Verr was released. CPD will not seek any charges against him.

In the meantime, Melton is investigating the suspected shoplifting. No stolen property was recovered during the incident Monday, and the white male shoplifter with a taste for polished stones is still at large.

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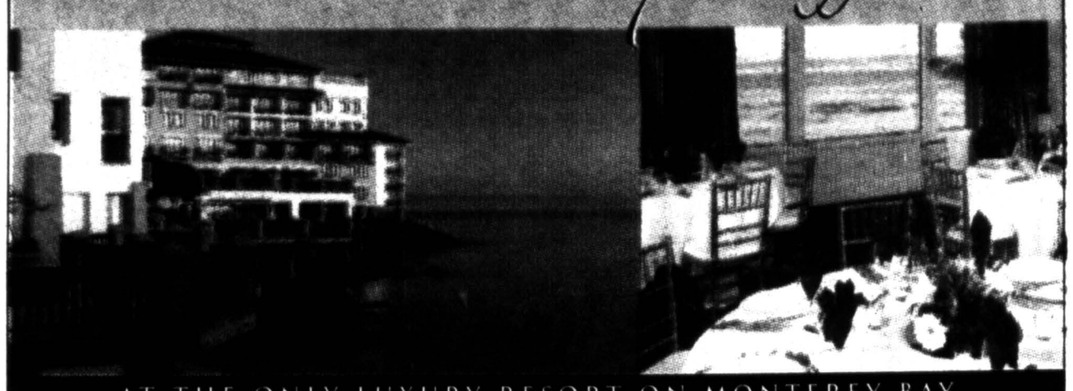

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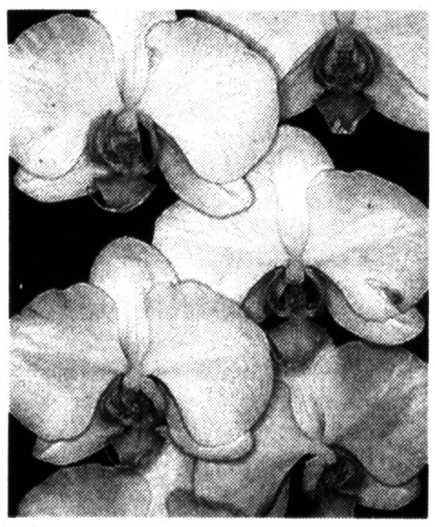

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Williams, CCC President

"What's good for business is good for Carmel"

On Tuesday, April 13th, I attended the election results gathering at City Hall. As the room filled it became warmer and stuffier. Just before the final total was announced a man jumped up on a chair and began opening the windows high above the room. As a cool breeze wafted through the space the winners of the election were announced. Sue McCloud, Mayor, Eric Bethel and Mike Cunningham as new council members. This too, is a breath of fresh air for Carmel-by-the-Sea. With council members willing to embrace all members of the community and look for creative and exciting solutions to the most pressing challenges we are once again truly blessed. The management of the Sunset Center should come first on the agenda in May. Name Sunset Center, Inc. as the management team best suited to finally bring Sunset Center up to speed. Flanders Mansion, designed, built and lived in, as a single-family dwelling should be returned to that status to insure a family will enjoy the laughter of children and afternoons on the patio in the tranquil residential neighborhood surrounding the house. The proceeds would best be used to retrofit the fire station to insure the safety of the men and women working in that building, the protection of the residents and businesses of Carmel and the maintenance of the equipment housed therein. We have new members of council who, during their campaign, assured us they would be proactive for the community and the businesses in Carmel. The Chamber of Commerce looks forward to helping the new council achieve its goals and supporting its decisions.

The board of directors of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce has also brought a breath of fresh air to our web site. We recently signed an agreement to create a completely new web site, which will allow us to offer advertising, sell "branded" merchandise and track individual business "hits" on a monthly, weekly or daily basis. We are very excited about the advertising opportunity for each member business. There will be banner ads for the home page and advertisements for each category of business on the site. As a member of the chamber you will have the first opportunity to purchase advertising. Don't wait; contact the Chamber office to set up a time to discuss the advertising opportunities we have to offer. The new web site will also include positioning our site to "pop up" first in search engines on the web. The expected launch date is August 1st, 2004.

We are always interested in your input and observations. Please email me, tom@hale-williams.com or telephone the chamber office, 624-2522, with your comments. Thanks for your input.

THANKS FOR THE MIXER

Thanks to Sean, Todd and David, we had a great mixer at Pacific Tweed on April 14. To help with the festivities, the following businesses donated door prizes: Athenique, Bach Festival, Bay Publishing, Beleza Skin Care, Caffe Cardinale Coffee Roasting, Carmel Art Festival, Casa de Compagna, Chianti, Forest Theater Guild, Restaurant 211, and the Travel Bag.

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4/30-5/02	**Dance Kids of Monterey County;** Carmel; Sunset Center; 373-7300
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5/3-28	**Artist of the Month,** Charlie Thompson's Painting Studio, Carmel Foundation, 624-1588
5/2	**Jeffers Tor House Annual Garden Party, Festival & Poetry Walk;** Carmel; 624-1813
5/05	**Wednesday Program;** "How to Address Concerns for a Neighbor, Friend or Loved One"; Carmel Foundation, 624-1588
5/6	**Arts Habitat - Fundraiser;** Carmel; Sunset Center; 626-6959
5/7-8	**Treasure Sale;** American Red Cross; 624-6921
5/8	**I Cantori Di Carmel Spring Concert;** Carmel Mission Basilica; 644-8012
5/08	**Artist Reception,** Carmel Art Association, 6:00-8:00pm; 624-6176
5/12	**CCC Mixer;** Gardiner's Resort, Carmel Valley; 5:00-7:00; 624-2522
5/12	**Wednesday Program;** "A Cruise of the South Pacific"; Carmel Foundation, 624-1588
5/13-16	**Carmel Art Festival;** Carmel; 642-2503
5/15	**Spring Winemaker Dinner;** Carmel Valley; Chateau Julien; 624-2600
5/15	**Camerata Singers;** Monterey; Mission San Carlos; 642-2701
5/15	**Ensemble Montery - "Copeland, An American Icon";** Carmel; Sunset Center; 333-1283
5/15-16	**BOVINE BLUES;** Carmel Foundation, 624-1588
5/18	**Films in the Forest - "A Fish Called Wanda" 1988;** Carmel; Outdoor Forest Theater; 625-1388
5/19	**Films in the Forest - "Stripes" 1981;** Carmel; Outdoor Forest Theater; 625-1388
5/19	**Pebble Beach Equestrian Challenge;** Pebble Beach; 624-2756
519	**Wednesday Program;** "Tall Ships"; Carmel Foundation, 624-1588
5/19	**Dick Cripso Film/Lecture,** Carmel Art Association, 624-6176
5/20	**Carmel High School - Concert;** Carmel; Sunset Center; 620-2040
5/21	**Carmel Music Society - Sonia Gariaff;** Carmel; Sunset Center; 625-9938
5/21	**"The Frescoes of Diego Rivera";** Dick Crispo, Carmel Art Association; 624-6176
5/23-24	**Monterey Symphony Concert VII;** Carmel; Sunset Center; 624-8511
5/26	**Wednesday Program;** Greek Village Dancers of Monterey; Carmel Foundation, 624-1588
5/26-6/13	**EVITA;** Carmel; Outdoor Forest Theater; Thurs.-Sun.; 626-1681
5/27	**CCC Board Meeting;** Carmel; 8:00AM. Il Fornaio; 624-2522
5/27-7/03	**MESHUGGAH-NUNS! The Ecumenical Nunsence;** Carmel; Golden Bough Theatre; 622-0100
5/29-30	**Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club Flower Show - Sunset in Bloom;** Carmel; Sunset Center; 624-3294
5/31	**CCC Office Closed**
5/31	**Memorial Day Service;** Carmel; Devendorf Park

MAY MIXER

To kick off summer, Gardiner's Resort is hosting the May after hours mixer. The lovely resort and tennis club is located at 114 Carmel Valley Road. Join us for some fun in the sun on Wednesday, May 12 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Members $10, non-members $15.

Vice Mayor Gerard Rose was on hand to help welcome Athenique to the business community. He was helped by (front row l-r)Christy Paker. Athenique staff. Vernell Sutherland. owner. Joanne Shiffman. staff. Tom Williams. CCC President. (back row l-r)Duncan Sutherland. owner and Teri Orfield. staff.

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Skater rolls up perfect score, gold medal at Mathletics

By KIRSTIE WILDE

ALL SAINTS' Day School's Sam Wilcoxon wowed the judges at the 36th annual Mathletics competition April 24: He achieved a perfect score — 43 out of 43 — to win the gold medal for Sixth Grade math. That's impressive, but even more so because no other student in memory (at least a decade, maybe three, by one judge's estimate) has racked up a perfect score in any Mathletics competition, be it algebra, geometry, math analysis or even advanced calculus.

So Sam deserved the applause he received at Mathletics, as well as the congratulations of his fellow teammates at Water City Roller Hockey, where Sam skates for the Serpents.

"It's doubly gratifying to see Sam excel in athletics and Mathletics; his friends at the hockey rink were really proud of him," said Linda Luna, coordinator of Mathletics.

Sam competed against 22 other students from eight schools at the Sixth Grade level. Eric Johnson, also of All Saints', took the silver medal and Steven Amber of Junipero Serra and Zach Oppenheimer of Buena Vista school tied for bronze.

In all, 200 middle schoolers and high schoolers gave up their Saturdays to take challenging tests at every level of mathematics.

The other winners, who received U.S. Savings Bonds of $100 for first place, $75 for second place and $50 for third place, were:

Seventh Grade Math

Gold: Ariana Wylie, Junipero Serra School
Silver: Laurel Cunan, San Benancio
Bronze: James Ramseur, Junipero Serra

Algebra

Gold: Jacob Braccio, Carmel Middle School
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Bronze: B.J. Lally, All Saints' Day School

Geometry

Gold: Samantha Wei, Santa Catalina
Silver: Amy Chen, Santa Catalina
Bronze: Caleb Lutes, Carmel High School

Advanced Algebra

Gold: Steve Shin, Robert Louis Stevenson
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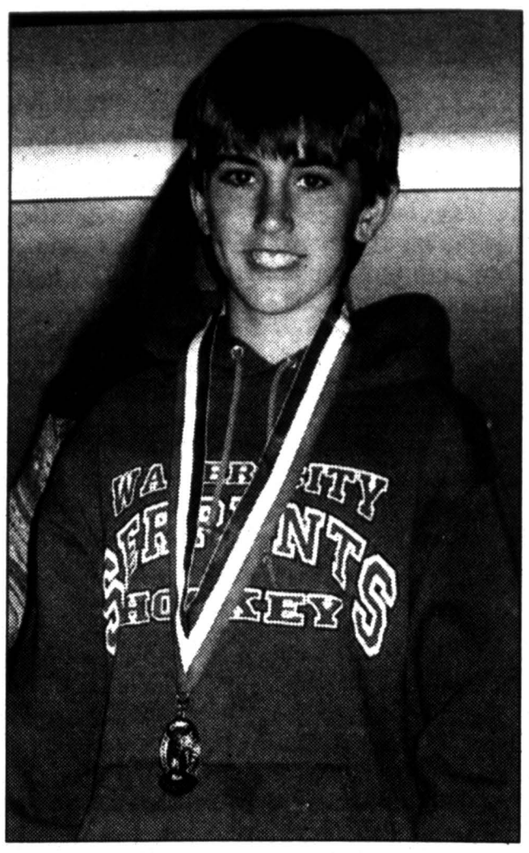
Bronze: Katie Ramp, York School

Math Analysis

Gold: Brian Phegley, Monterey High School
Silver: Robert Stoica, Carmel High School
Bronze: Nate Laughton, Robert Louis Stevenson

Calculus

Gold: Paul Nolan, Robert Louis Stevenson
Silver: Casey Miller, Independent
Bronze: (Tie) Erik Carralho, Palma High School and Will Gifford, Robert Louis Stevenson



Sam Wilcoxon of All Saints' Day School

Advanced Calculus

Gold: Josh Kroll, York School
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Bronze: Zac Yee, Robert Louis Stevenson

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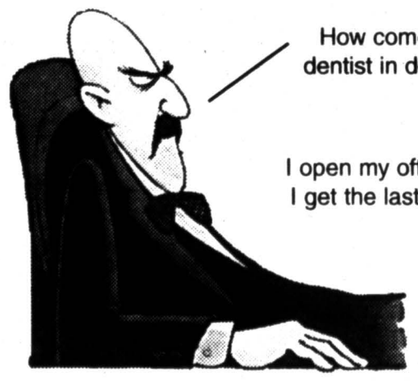

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General plan heads to county supervisors

By KIMBERLY WHITE

AFTER YEARS of wrangling — and despite some 11th-hour protests regarding affordable housing, preservation of farmland and how future development will affect the environment — the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 9-1 Wednesday to send the 2004 draft General Plan to the board of supervisors.

The board, which will review the document and a lengthy environmental impact report, has set a deadline of July 1 to finalize the new General Plan.

"They are on target for accomplishing that with the planning commission action yesterday," project planner Lynn Burgess said.

Over the last four years, Burgess estimated $4 million has been spent on everything from legal counsel and consultants to printing costs and responding to public comments for different facets of the report — including two drafts of the EIR.

Commissioner Miguel Errea, a south county rancher, cast the lone "no" vote, saying the document should undergo further review to make sure it won't harm agribusinesses.

"This is not being done in a vacuum," retorted Commissioner Martha Diehl, who made a motion to accept the draft while admitting the commission does not completely understand the EIR and all its ramifications. "We are merely making a recommendation."

Commissioner Laurence Hawkins seconded her motion, saying that although the plan is in "various shades of gray," he is satisfied with their work. "The board will make the final cuts, and it may come back to us," he added.

Burgess said the board will meet Tuesday, May 4, to decide when to conduct hearings and make recommendations. Although the commissioners felt they could not review the final EIR and still make the board's deadline, they did review earlier drafts of the document, as well as 75 letters from the public related to it, and responded to a slew of public comments related to the plan as a whole, Burgess said.

The board may determine that the EIR needs further scrutiny and, if so, it will be sent back to the commission for more studies. County counsel Wendy Strimling noted the final EIR will include responses to residents' comments, and if there are any substantial changes to the document, law requires that it be sent back to the commission.

If that happens, Burgess said, approval of the updated general plan would be put back to August.

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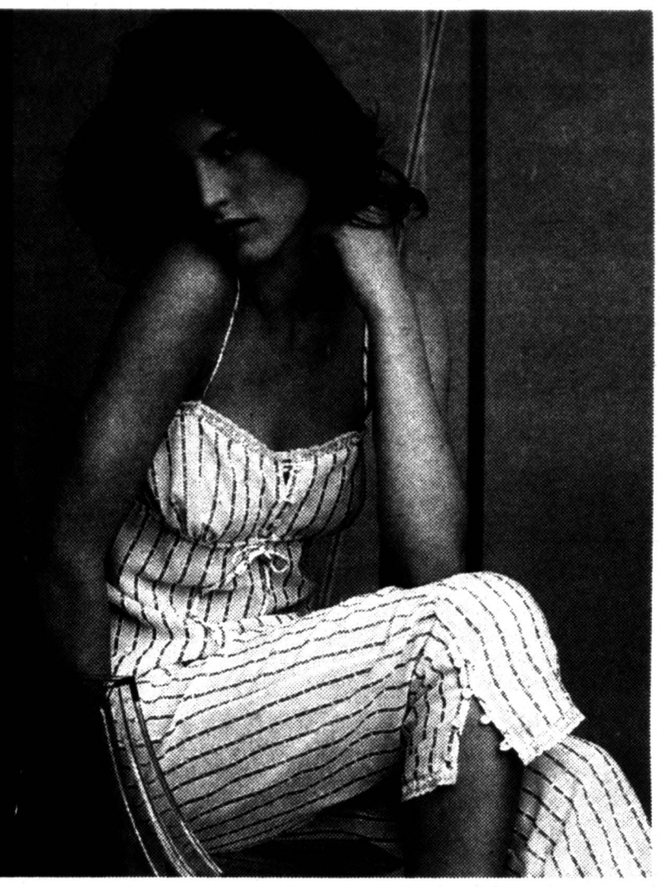

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BIG SUR

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"I'll be able to move around more and if I have an extra room, I can check somebody's blood pressure instead of having to wait 20 to 30 minutes for a room to become available," said Janyce Brumsey, the center's registered nurse.

Sharen Carey, the center's physician assistant, said the amount of usable space will be doubled even though the new building will be on the same "footprint" as the original.

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— Janyce Brumsey

Some of the major donors to the project include Pebble Beach Charities and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, as well as Big Sur's Post Ranch Inn and the Big Sur River Inn. The center has also received grants and proceeds from the Big Sur River Run, Big Sur International Marathon and an annual benefit dinner hosted by Ventana Inn and Spa.

Alan Perlmutter, who sits on the center's board of directors, estimated that last year's fundraiser at Rancho Cañada raised $20,000 to $30,000, and another hosted at Tehama in 2002 brought in $40,000 to $50,000.

The next gala dinner/fundraiser, which will be held at Spanish Bay, is slated for June 18. Perlmutter said it will be a tribute to Edie Karas, a longtime volunteer for various local charities. Two of the items that will be on the auction block include a week-long fishing trip in the Arctic near the Bering Sea and a week-long stay at the Jean Michel Cousteau Resort in Fiji, which is partly owned by Carmel's Myles Williams.

The health center treats and serves an enormous clientele that would otherwise go untreated, Perlmutter said, adding that it has stayed open despite various road closures over the years.

"[The health center] serves the Big Sur community and the over 3.5 million visitors who come to the area each year," as well as employees of the forest service, state parks and Caltrans, Perlmutter said. The thousands of firefighters who descend on the area during a wildfire or other emergency are also potential patients.

The trailers — which sit on land leased from All Saints Episcopal Church — were already a decade old in 1985, when they were donated by CHOMP. As a result, everyone at the center has been caught in an endless cycle of fixing, patching and repairing.

Also, "the dingy look of some of the areas gives it a slipshod look," Carey said.

The $200,000 will go toward removing the trailers and replacing them with a prefabricated building, as well as office furnishings. The number of patient rooms will increase from three to five, and there will be more space for storage.

Carey estimated 2,500 patients are seen at the center annually, and that number is increasing by 5 percent each year.

The Big Sur Health Center opened its doors in 1979, after a group of area residents approached a CHOMP emergency room doctor and his wife for help. The center provides outpatient care five days a week to residents and visitors. Carey said it gets busiest during the month of August, the height of tourist season.

"This place is so convenient," said Big Sur resident Scott Parker, who comes to the center four or five times a year. "Otherwise, I'd have to drive all the way to Monterey."

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EXPLODING

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indoors because of the constant noise. "It was really loud."

Heated debate

Reproduction of the Monterey pine has been a subject of heated debate, with the Pebble Beach Company proposing on the one hand to put almost 500 acres of native forest into open space preserves, and on the other to clear about 100 acres for a new golf course and other development.

Opponents describe the tree as threatened with extinction, while supporters of the new golf course say the Monterey pine is one of the most common plants in the world. In numerous public hearings, both sides seemed to agree that, with wildfires no longer common the way they were before European settlers arrived in California in the late 18th century, the pines have lost a major reproductive advantage.

"There's no question it reproduces best after a fire, but that's not the only way," said Steve Staub, forester with the Del Monte Forest Foundation. "The cones need heat to open, but every time we get temperatures in the 80s, you can hear them popping."

Unlike other pines, Monterey pines don't drop their cones. Most of them will release their seeds by the time they've been on the tree five years, said Carmel Forester Mike Branson, "and they'll release whether there's a fire or not."

Because fire also clears out underbrush, seeds dropping after a fire have a much better chance of taking root, the foresters said.

But there's a "temperature trigger" in the cones that responds to any moderate heat source, such as this week's unusually dry, sunny weather.

"You can even harvest Monterey pine seeds by putting closed cones in a clear plastic bag and placing it out in the sun," Branson said. The city grows seedlings from seeds collected that way, he added.

"Regeneration is not as big a problem as what a lot of people might have guessed," Staub said.

MARATHON

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wide renown for its spectacular scenery and formidable terrain, those same assets present a challenge to emergency services. Warm weather Sunday added to the difficulty for competitors.

To compensate for possible delays getting help to remote parts of the 26.2-mile course, organizers deployed 14 automatic external defibrillators and created six emergency response teams on bicycles — each including a police officer, a nurse, a person trained to operate the portable AED, someone to administer CPR, someone to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and someone to travel to the closest point of communication. Three ambulances and numerous firefighters were also stationed along the course.

Prepared to respond to any emergency, the bicyclists spend their time watching the athletes and listening alertly as they patrol the course.

"Runners even communicate with us if there's someone not feeling well," he said. "We check on them, hand out water or food, call vans to pick them up if they're not feeling well, watch them and talk to them."

Nyunt, who first participated on a bike team last year, hopes to do so again in 2005.

ROBBERY

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built and 5 feet 11 inches tall. He had "extremely dirty hands" and a one-inch-long scar on his left ring finger, according to DiCarlo's report. He wore a baggy black leather jacket, baggy blue jeans and a rust-colored and white mesh baseball cap.

Investigators are also considering possible ties between the jewelry store robbery and the nighttime holdup of a gas station on Rio Road two weeks ago. The gun-wielding suspect stole more than $400 in cash from two clerks at the station. He was wearing a ski mask and was described as 5 feet 5 inches tall and about 120 pounds.

"All we have to go on are weight and height," Monarque said, adding that the victims in the gas station robbery provided little descriptive information. The heights of the suspects in the robberies differed by six inches.

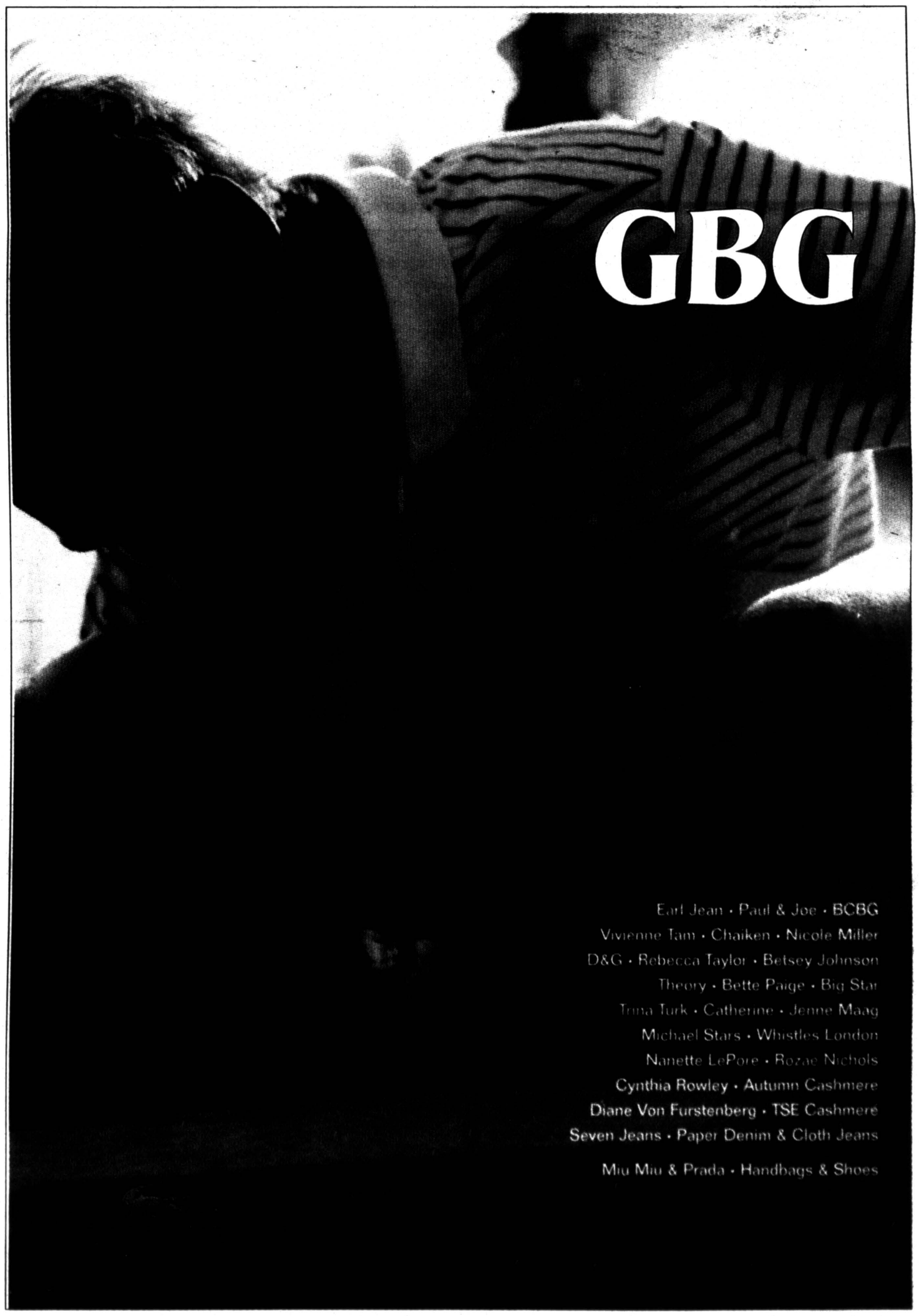
Insurance dissuades reporting

While on scene at the Hesselbein robbery, Monarque learned two nearby stores had been victims of recent thefts but never reported the crimes. The stolen jewelry was worth thousands of dollars, but the store owners did not call the sheriff's office for fear their insurance rates would increase, according to Monarque. High deductibles meant they would receive no compensation from their carriers, either.

"Because they don't want to get dinged and get their rates raised, they don't make reports," he said. "I found out that other significant crimes are taking place but are going underreported because of insurance premiums."

The practice frustrates Monarque, because it limits his investigators' chances of solving the crimes and prevents him from knowing where he should assign more deputies to patrol.

"It's hard to fight the crime if you don't know about it."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MILESTONES

ISABEL WIGHTMAN TRUE, 91, died April 6 in her Carmel home. Mrs. True and her husband, Ray True, M.D., and two sons moved to the Monterey Peninsula during Easter week 50 years ago.

A native of St. Louis, she was associate editor of a family-owned newspaper in Bethany, Mo. She was also employed in the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, in Columbia, Mo.

While living on the peninsula, Mrs. True was involved with the Children's Home Society and was one of the original docents of the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. She belonged to the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation and took art classes at Monterey Peninsula College and Carmel Adult School. Her strong sense of color and design are evident in her paintings and drawings. Her interests also included golf and literature.

She is survived by her sons Bill and Greg; sister Marian Renfro; and grandchildren Gaea, Evan and Will.

Memorials are suggested to the African AIDS Orphan Fund c/o Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 3485 Stanford Ct., Boulder, CO 80303. This mission to alleviate pain and suffering is led by Pastor Bruce Bennett, born and raised in Carmel, and a friend to Mrs. True for 50 years.

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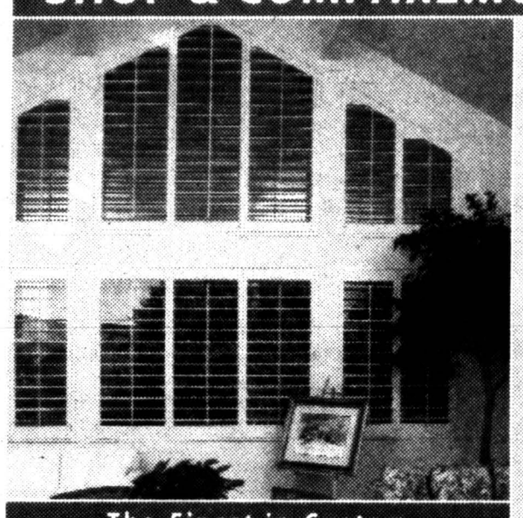

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"WHY, WHEN AND HOW TO AVOID PROBATE" will be discussed by Eric Holk, local attorney. The free lecture is presented 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Sally Griffin Center, 700 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove. For reservations, call 375-4454.

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FIBROIDS

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that they opt for one of the "standard medical protocols" — either surgical removal or a complete hysterectomy.

"There are 180,000 to 220,000 hysterectomies done to get rid of uterine fibroids every year in this country, and it's not necessary," Lee said.

His new procedure, dubbed HALT — or Hysterectomy Alternative — uses heat to destroy the fibroids.

A small scope is inserted through the navel to evaluate the pelvis and uterus, and an ultrasound is performed to determine the size and location of the fibroid. Next, a needle inserted into the tumor delivers an alternating electrical current that causes the ions in the surrounding tissue to vibrate, creating frictional heating. That heat spreads in a defined and controllable way and destroys the tumor without hurting the healthy surrounding tissue.

"It doesn't make sense to me to use hysterectomies exclusively for women who have symptomatic fibroids," said Lee, director of gynecologic surgery at the Monterey Peninsula Surgery Center. "A lot of women don't want hysterectomies, so they just choose to suffer because they have no other alternative, and then they can't work around the time of their periods because of pain and bleeding."

The radio frequency ablation procedure is not meant to always replace hysterectomies, he said, but rather "to give women an option that they never really had before."

Over the last five years, he has used the technique to destroy 600 tumors in 160 women from as far away as the Philippines and Hawaii. All have reportedly been very enthusiastic and supportive.

"Most of my patients feel that physicians should be doing this procedure widely and it should be available to women everywhere," Lee added. "Some of my patients are contacting women's groups and lobbying" to make more people aware of the procedure.

Salinas resident Patricia Oreña, 47, underwent the procedure several years ago. When Lee explained what it entailed, she agreed because "it was infinitely less invasive" and would take care of the problem in just a five- to six-hour procedure, she said. The average time is two to three hours, according to Lee.

"Most women who don't have access to this information are quite surprised, because they didn't know the possibility existed," Oreña said.

According to Lee, only three of the 160 women who have undergone the new procedure — 2 percent — have had complications or needed repeat procedures, compared to 30 percent to 50 percent of women who develop fibroids again within five years of surgical removal.

The most common complication reported in regards to HALT has been bladder infection, which can be treated with antibiotics.

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In a study of 58 patients one year after the procedure, an overwhelming number reported complete resolution of their symptoms. Ninety-two percent said they no longer experienced excessive bleeding during periods, 100 percent said they no longer experienced pain during sexual intercourse, and 100 percent said they no longer had problems with frequent urination.

Those same 58 patients also reported an almost complete return to their normal activities. For example, 92 percent said their sleep patterns were back to normal and 100 percent said their activity levels were back to where they once had been.

Marina resident Wendy Lang, 38, said she feels like a new person after undergoing the procedure almost two years ago, when she was referred by a coworker who was experiencing problems similar to her own. Lang's previous doctors had been telling her that having a hysterectomy "was pretty much the only way this problem would be resolved."

"I thought it was a pretty drastic procedure to have, and I was fairly young to be considering such a thing," said Lang, who described her pain as so intense that she often could not leave her bedroom.

Unlike hysterectomies, which typically require six to eight weeks for recovery, the HALT procedure is performed on an outpatient basis and patients often return to their daily routines within days.

Oreña returned to her teaching position with the Alisal Union School District after about a week of recuperation but said other women probably would be able to return much more quickly.

Also, the procedure involves less postoperative pain since the incisions are small.

"On one level, a hysterectomy prevents any future problems, and that's a huge advantage," Lee said. "The disadvantage is, if you have a problem with your toe and you take off your entire foot, now you have a problem because your foot's not there."

For example, one of the more common complaints is the emotional trauma associated with the loss of an organ many women consider to be an integral part of their sexual identities.

"Some people feel that the uterus is only there for having children, and I think a lot of women would disagree with that," he said.

Other complications of hysterectomies include sexual dysfunction and loss of bladder control. According to JAMA, they may also speed up the onset of menopause by several years.

Blue Cross stops paying

Besides Lee, only three other doctors — one in Southern California, one in Italy and another in Canada — are performing the HALT procedure so far. Blue Cross has been willing to cover patients for the $10,000 procedure because the same technology has been used for years to treat tumors in other organs, such as kidneys and livers, and because the cost is far less than the $30,000 price of a hysterectomy, which does not include costs of lab work, X-rays, medications, income loss and physicians' fees.

But as this story was going to press April 29, Lee was stunned by a phone call from Blue Cross that informed him the HALT procedure would no longer be covered by the insurance giant.

"They've now decided to call it 'investigational,' " he reported. "We have to cancel all the women in line for the procedure until we can take this insurance dispute to arbitration."

This is a setback for Lee, who has received many inquiries from other physicians interested in performing HALT since he presented the procedure at a medical conference in Los Angeles in May 2002.

"It should be a win-win situation," he said. "The patients win because it's effective, safe and involves minimal pain. The insurance companies win because it costs so much less. The economy wins because you don't have the loss of these women out of the workforce. And the physician wins because he is now able to offer an alternative."

But unless Blue Cross begins covering HALT again — or is compelled to by an arbitrator — the procedure will be available only to women who can pay, or who are insured by a company that will.

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He shared a great joy in his forty-year marriage to Frances Campbell Clark, with whom he nurtured a caring blended family. He leaves 7 children: David Clark, Peter Clark, Clyde Creamer, Sarah Felsinger, Christine Mays, Cynthia O'Rourke and Jennifer Walker; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, with whom he shared tremendous love and affection.

Memorial contributions may be made to: All Saints' Episcopal Church (P.O. Box 1296, Carmel 93921), the Hospice of the Central Coast (c/o Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 1798, Monterey 93942), or the Spirit Rock Meditation Center (P.O. Box 169, Woodacre, CA 94973).

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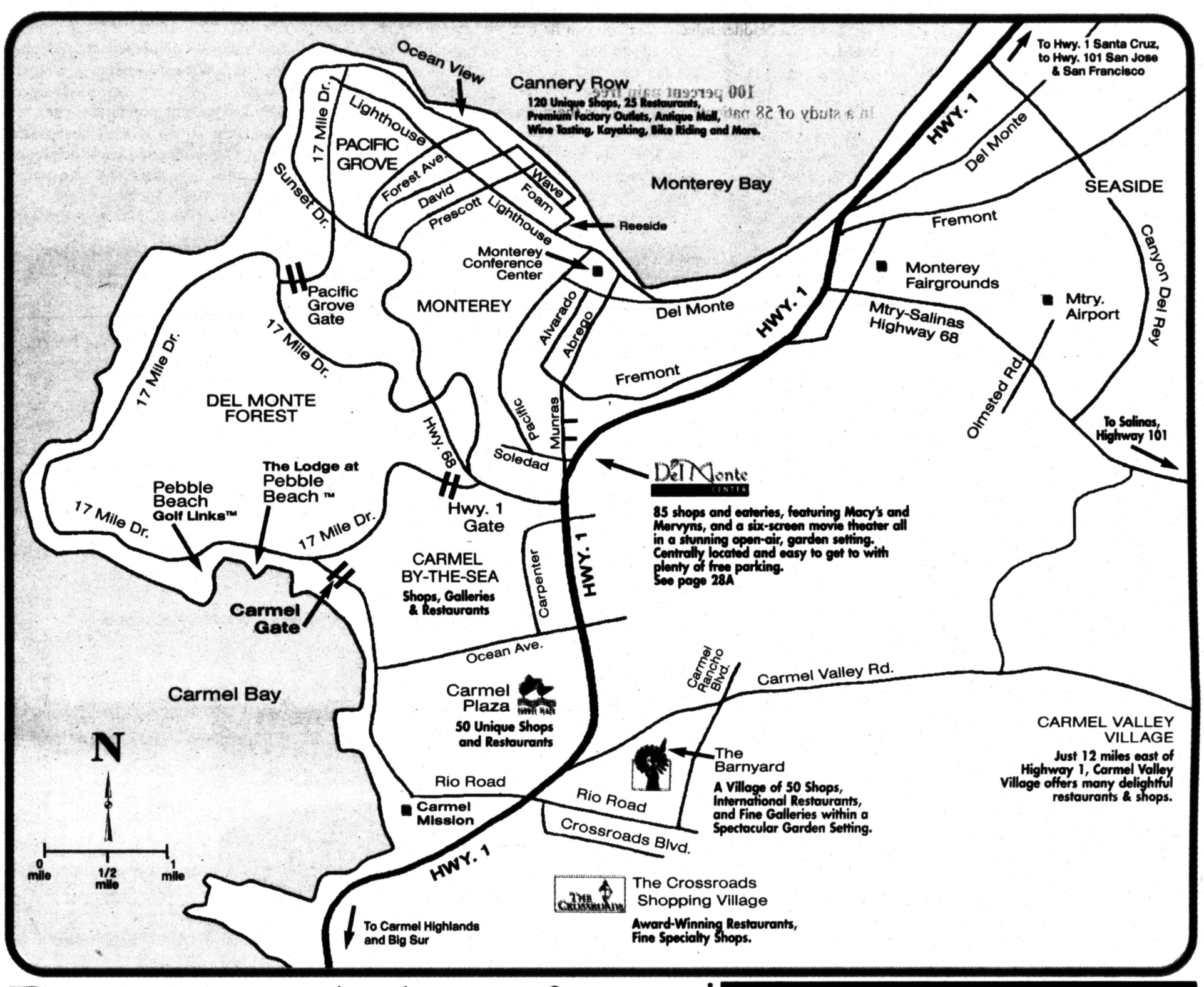

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Prominent ladies of jazz turn it on for Carmel

THIS SATURDAY (May 1) evening's performance at the Jazz & Blues Company in Carmel features two prominent ladies of jazz: vocalist **Jackie Ryan** and pianist **Amina Figarova**.

Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Blessed with a far-ranging voice filled with rich timbres, Ryan is a true jazz singer. Her third and latest CD, "This Heart of Mine," stayed in the top 20 for months.

Ryan will be accompanied by the **Amina Figarova Quartet** featuring pianist Figarova, flutist **Bart Platteau**, bassist **Ruth Davies** and percussionist **Chris Strik**.

Figarova, a headliner in her own right, was born in Baku, Azerbaidjan and came to the United States in 1992 to attend the Berklee College of Music in Boston. In 1998 she was invited to study at the Thelonious Monk Jazz Colony in Aspen, Colo., a summer camp for the most gifted young musicians.

Saturday's concerts starts at 7:30 p.m. Call 624-6432.

Before the first Monterey Jazz Festival was held in 1958 at the Monterey Fairgrounds, founder Jimmy Lyons produced a series of concerts at the Sunset Center in Carmel under the banner, "Jazz at Sunset." Among those was the classic "Concert By the Sea" featuring Erroll Garner. It was recorded and is still considered to be one of the best-selling jazz albums in history.

Almost half a century later the Monterey Jazz Festival directors have revived **Jazz at Sunset** at the renovated Carmel venue and at 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 will conclude this year's impressive series with the appearance of Latin jazz master **Poncho Sanchez**.

A perennial favorite of Monterey Jazz Festival audiences (where he has appeared seven times), Sanchez is widely recognized as one of the most artistically consistent and popular Latin jazz artists in the world. His latest recording, "Out of Sight!" features appearances by Ray Charles, Sam Moore and Billy Preston.

Sanchez' Jazz at Sunset appearance will showcase his **Latin Jazz Band**, whose performance of "Latin Soul" won a 1999 Grammy Award. In line with his commitment to jazz education, Sanchez will conduct a clinic for 700 local music students. For tickets call (925) 275-9255 or visit the Festival's website at www.montereyjazzfestival.org.

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WHAT: 25th annual Tor House Garden Party, featuring refreshments, music, house tours, plein air art show and silent auction
WHEN: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2
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'Intellectual Ladies' compels and delights

By STEVE HARRIS

theater review

THE GREAT Richard Wilbur, dean of Moliere translators and U.S. Poet Laureate 1987/88, states in his introduction to his 1977 rendition of "The Intellectual Ladies," "Moliere is a timeless author . . . readily enjoyed three centuries after his death. His accessibility has lately misled some theatrical companies into 'updating' which involves absurd anachronisms. I hope that no presenter of this new translation will attempt a violent confrontation with the historical perspective."

In the current production at the Indoor Forest Theatre in Carmel, director Nick Hovick, using a later text by Freyda Thomas that updates antiquated references while maintaining Moliere's rhyming couplets and Alexandrines, sets the scene in a self-styled

Thomas Burke plays a wily cowboy poet and philosopher and Lisa Estabrooks is Bernice Sales in "The Intellectual Ladies."

"salon" in scenic, sensate Salinas, complete with geetars and 10-gallon Stetsons.

Take that, Mr. Wilbur.

The helluvit is, it works.

Well, sorta, almost works.

OK, it works well enough to create a compelling, delightful evening of theater which, after all, is what it is all about.

The plot, convoluted as is all Moliere, deals with a family divided over lifestyles and mate selection for the offspring, a situation not uncommon to families in all ages, here handled with characteristic comedy.

The direction by Hovick is sharp and focused, his set design and execution works splendidly, the costumes by Adrienne

*See **LADIES** page 23A*

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By MORGAN

IF YOU haven't dined at Wasabi Bistro in The Crossroads for several years, you'll be surprised when you enter its smaller, more attractive dining ambiance.

Not only is its square footage reduced and utilized more judiciously in keeping with the tenets of Japanese art and architecture, the decor is simple and eye-appealing: split bamboo low on walls behind tables, matchstick blinds at the windows, a few Japanese fans and a kimono displayed on the walls, colorful Japanese parasols hung upside down over window tables, and origami squares arranged in large montages on the walls.

We haven't dined at Wasabi for at least three years (after all, there are 302 tablecloth restaurants on the peninsula, only 80 of which we've reviewed to date, and none twice). We were therefore delighted with the dishes of the day presented on an easel signboard as we entered. Such sophisticated fare as soft shell crabs, blackened salmon and asparagus tempura, among a number of other tempting dishes were offered in addition to those in the handwritten menu presented at table.

Appetizers increase anticipation

Before my dinner companion and I ordered our appetizer and entrées, a bowl of warm edamame (steamed soybeans) was placed on the table, which we made quick work of. The edamame were followed by bowls of delicious miso soup, which is such a great way to start a Japanese meal: The flavor excites the appetite without diminishing it.

We decided to share those prime soft shell crabs ($10.95) with orange teriyaki sauce. Two Chesapeake Bay soft shell crabs were deep fried in a very light tempura batter and cut into four portions which we ate with our hands as we couldn't gracefully manage them with chopsticks. They were delicious and juicy and the dipping sauce was perfect.

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We should add Chef Wong judiciously avoids MSG and artificial coloring.

We also shared asparagus tempura ($5.95) which were sprinkled with black and white sesame seeds and tiny rings of green onion. The asparagus was green and plump and al dente. Fabulous.

Two styles of salmon

Our entrées were both fresh salmon, but prepared differently. My dining companion ordered blackened salmon with sake and wasabi sauce ($14.50), which to our surprise was not New Orleans style blackened salmon, but black peppercorns pressed into the salmon flesh. It was declared excellent and unlike any other salmon he had tasted.

*See **WASABI** next page*

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WASABI

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I ordered tempura shrimp and vegetables with teriyaki salmon ($18.95) which I could fault in no way. The vegetables were al dente and perfection, deep fried with tempura batter, and the salmon was braised in teriyaki and very tender.

For our dessert course, we by-passed the usual Japanese desserts, such as green tea ice cream, and adventurously ordered the wasabi and orange peel ice cream at the suggestion of our vivacious server, Setsuko Mihara, who is a partner in the restaurant with Chef P.K. Wong. As can be imagined, the wasabi dessert was quite piquant but oh, so good. The combination of hot-to-the-palate wasabi and cold ice cream was sensational. We recommend that our readers try it on their next visit to Wasabi Bistro.

Chef Wong considers his signature dishes to be traditional sushi and variations of California sushi. He describes his cuisine as a fusion of Pacific Rim and California. Seared Ahi tuna ($14.95 - $16.95) with Japanese chili powder and reduction of lemon juice, soy sauce and sesame oil is one of his prime signature dishes.

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LADIES

From page 20A

Wellisch are, as always, a delight to the eye, and the massive cast, for the most part, perform up to the considerable demands of the script. Some unevenness in pacing and line recall at the end of the final act will be solved, I'm sure, following a speed-through or two.

Peter Eberhardt and Barbara Metz milk the most from their roles in delightful presentations, as do Lisa Estabrooks and Thomas Burks as more bizarre characters of influence on the pestered and perturbed parents, with Tricia Wayne contributing much fun in three subordinate characterizations. Rick Lopez and Richard Newhouse succeed in creating the norms mandatory in Moliere, while keeping the characters involved and interesting. As the two daughters central to the conflict, Shandy Dixon and Deborah Curtis charm in aptly diverse characterizations.

Even director Hovick takes a brief turn, all too brief considering his considerable acting chops. Perhaps next year we can look forward to Hovick portraying Tartuffe, galloping about Mexican Monterey, riding Elmire bareback with a cattle prod in one hand and a branding iron in the other, all the while spouting scripture.

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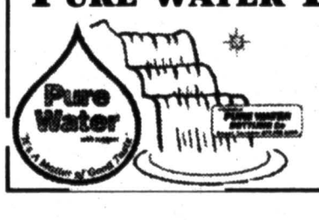
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
A. HADLEY OSBORN, Deceased.
Case No. MP-17044
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF A. HADLEY OSBORN

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to CONSTANCE STROUD, Trustee of the Trust Dated February 5, 2002, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Thomas Hart Hawley
Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: April 16, 23, 30, 2004. (PC406)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No.: 20049103100018
Loan No.: 0107435

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED **04/05/2002.** UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On **05/14/2004** at **10:00 A.M., LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C.**, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded **04/17/2002**, as Instrument No. **2002036636**, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of **Monterey** County, State of California. Executed by **Vincent M. Principe, a married person**. Will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) **At the main (South) entrance to the County Courthouse, (facing the Courtyard off Church St.), 240 Church Street, Salinas, CA.** All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# **010-361-007** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **4th SE of Mission & 4th Street, Carmel, CA 93921.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **$323,425.74** The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: 04/17/2004 First American Title Insurance Company, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 DeeAnn Gregory.** For Trustee's Sale information please call **925-603-7342 (RSVP# 54116)** (04/23/04 04/30/04 05/07/04)
Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 2004. (PC409)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
UNDER DEED OF TRUST
Loan: 0577678354
Investor No: Other: 5307413-20
TS#: 04-65875
A.P.N. 015-442-013-000

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Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 2004. (PC411)

SUMMONS
(CITATION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso) KC2642

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (Aviso a Acusado): KARL L. HARRIS, individually and as Trustee of the JUNE M. HARRIS TRUST u/t/d/ December 15, 2000; and DOES 1 through X, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (A Ud. le esta demandando): WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court. A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

Despues de que le entreguen esta citacion judicial usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDARIOS para presentar una respuesta escrita a maquina en esta corte. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no le ofrecerá protección; su respuesta escrita o a maquina tiene que cumplir con las formalidades legales apropiadas si usted quiere que la corte escuche su caso. Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso, y le pueden quitar su salario, su dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso adicional por parte de la corte. Existen otros requisitos legales. Puede que usted quiera llamar un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce un abogado, puede llamar un servicio de referencia de abogados o una oficina de ayuda legal (vea el directorio telefonico).

The name and address of the court is: (El Nombre y direccion de la corte es)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY-KING CITY, "LIMITED CIVIL", 250 Franciscan Way, King City, CA 93930

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es)

RORY W. CLARK, ESQ., Bar #: 81682, LAW OFFICE OF RORY W. CLARK, APLC, 5743 Corsa Avenue, Suite 215, Westlake Village, California 91362-6467; (818) 707-2733

DATE (Fecha): Apr 16, 2002
SHERRI L. PEDERSEN Clerk, (Actuario)
By: FRANCES NICHOLS, Deputy (Delegado)
(SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual defendant.

04/23/04, 04/30/04, 05/07/04, 05/14/04
CNS- 666080#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2004. (PC412)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M69400.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, Jennifer E. Fusco on behalf of Sydney Rose Chioino, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
SYDNEY ROSE CHIOINO
Proposed name:
SYDNEY ISABELLA FUSCO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: May 21, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., Dept.: TBA. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: April 13, 2004.

Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2004. (PC413)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of DONALD HENRY ALLEN
Case Number MP 17089

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DONALD HENRY ALLEN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KIMBERLY ALLEN and KURT PETER ALLEN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KIMBERLY ALLEN and KURT PETER ALLEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 14, 2004 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: 16, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner BARBARA HOLIAN MEJIA, 555 Abrego St., 2nd Floor, Monterey, CA 93940. (831) 648-8981. (s) Barbara H. Mejia, Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2004.

Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 2004. (PC414)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040910. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MARIANNE'S,** The Barnyard, 3666 C, Suite #D42, Carmel, CA 93923. MARIANNE RAMSEY, 518 Sinex Ave., Apt. #A, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 19, 2004. (s) Jeananne Ramsey. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2004. Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2004. (PC 415)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040924. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. ASSOCIATED BROKERS,
2. REMORA REALTY
187 Ford Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. JOHN CALDWELL, 187 Ford Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 1, 1990. (s) John Caldwell. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 16, 2004. Publication dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2004. (PC 416)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Title Order No. 5307566-20
Trustee Sale No. 32232
Loan No. 9022755060
APN 416-028-007-000

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/6/1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05/20/2004 at 10:00 A.M., DSL Service Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 7/15/1999, Instrument 9953698 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: Claire E. Melde, an unmarried woman, as Trustor Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A. as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: the main (South) entrance to the County Courthouse, (facing the Courtyard off Church St.), 240 Church Street, Salinas, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Legal Description Beginning at the Southeast corner of that certain (adjusted) Parcel VII, as said corner and parcel are shown on that certain record of Survey Map filed in Volume 16 of Surveys, at Page 106, Records of Monterey County, California, thence along the South boundary of said parcel. (1) N. 88°00' 39" W., 307.00 feet to the Southwest corner of said parcel; thence along the West boundary thereof (2) N. 00°18' 30 E., 467.64 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said parcel; thence along the Northerly boundary thereof (3) N. 73°14'00" E., 119.92 feet to a point on the approximate centerline of Robinson Canyon Road, as said centerline is shown and so designated on that certain record of Survey Map recorded in Volume 6 of Surveys, at Page 36, Records of Monterey County, California; thence along said centerline (4) S. 16°45' 59" E., 102.57 feet; thence (5) S. 52°48' 10" E., 71.26 feet; thence (6) N. 88°20' 50" E., 105.18 feet to the Northeasterly corner of said parcel; thence leaving said centerline and running along the Easterly boundary of said parcel (7) S. 0°18' 30" W., 374.64 feet to the point of beginning. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: Vacant land, 28880 Robinson Canyon Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. Directions may be obtained by written request submitted to the Beneficiary within 10 days after the first publication of this notice at the following address: Downey Savings and Loan, c/o Foreclosure Consultants, Inc., Attn: T.L. Snyder, 8180 East Kaiser Boulevard, Anaheim Hills, CA 92808. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $706,537.32 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 04/22/04 For: DSL Service Company, as Trustee By: Foreclosure Consultants, Inc., as Agent 8180 East Kaiser Blvd., Anaheim Hills, CA 92808 Telephone Number: (714) 282-2424 Sale Line Information: (714) 282-2430 Vivian Prieto, Vice President Foreclosure Consultants, Inc. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (RSVP# 54485) (04/30/04, 05/07/04, 05/14/04)
Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 2004. (PC417)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. 031218JV
Loan No. N/A
Title Order No. 2064485
APN 417-031-019-000

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/1/1999, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 5/21/2004 at 10:00AM, Alliance Title Company, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 2/18/1999, Instrument 9913468, Book, Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California executed by: Bruce Gellerman, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Trustor Slakey Brothers, Inc., as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: At the north wing main entrance to the Monterey County Courthouse, 240 Church St., Salinas, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to an now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: The land referred to in this guarantee if situated in the state of California county of Monterey, (unincorporated area) and is described as follows: Parcel I Parcel B, as said parcel is shown on that certain parcel map recorded June 16, 1972 in book 2 of parcel maps, page 98 Monterey Co. records. Reserving however to the United States all the coal and other minerals in the lands as entered and patented together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the same pursuant to the provisions and limitations of the act of December 29, 1916, (39 stat., 862), as recited in the patent of record, recorded March 16, 1897 in volume II of patents at page 312. Parcel II A non-exclusive easement for road and utility purposes as shown as that 30 ft road and utility r/w across parcel A as shown on that certain parcel maps recorded June 16, 1972 in book 2 of parcel maps, page 98 Monterey Co. records. Parcel III together with a r/w as the same now exists January 26, 1961 over the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 14 and the east half of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of section 15 township 17 south range 2 east MDB&M said r/w bing 60 feet in width. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: no common designation. Direction to the property can by obtained by submitting a written request to beneficiary c/o Alliance Title Company, Attn: Jenny Viall, 530 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816 within 10 days of the first publication of this notice. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $4,580.89 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary: Slakey Brothers, Inc. c/o Alliance Title Company Default Service Center 530 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816 Phone No: (916) 551-1300 Sale information can be obtained on line at www.prioritypostng.com Automated Sales Information please call (714) 573-1965 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 4/22/2004 Alliance Title Company, a California Corporation as Trustee Kelli Fletcher, Trustee's Sale Officer P214451. 4/30, 5/7, 05/14/2004
Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 2004. (PC418)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040964. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MAC SINK,** 12 Ellis Circle, Salinas, CA 93907. MARK GUY MAC GEORGE, 12 Ellis Circle, Salinas, CA 93907. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Mark Guy Mac George. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2004. Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2004. (PC 419)

CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 12, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel to consider adoption of the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. after May 12, 2004.

The Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 12:30 P.M. at the District's fire station to adopt the Final Budget for fiscal year ending on June 30, 2005.

DATED: April 23, 2004
(s) Gayle Sheppard,
Secretary of the Board
Publication dates: April 30, 2004. (PC420)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040941. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL FUNDING,** 16 El Caminito Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. CAROL JENSEN ROOT, 16 El Caminito Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 19, 2004. (s) Carol Jensen Root. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 19, 2004. Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2004. (PC 421)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040983. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **A STUDIO BY THE SEA,** 3rd house SW of 1st on Lincoln; P.O. Box 4472, Carmel, CA 93921. CARRIE ANN, 3rd house SW of 1st on Lincoln; P.O. Box 4472, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 21, 2004. (s) Carrie Ann. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 22, 2004. Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2004. (PC 422)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, May 12, 2004. The public hearing will be opened at 4:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

IF YOU CHALLENGE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR THE CITY COUNCIL, AT, OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. UP 04-6
Christopher Caul
E/s Lincoln btwn 5th & 6th
Block 55, Lot(s) 10
Consideration of a commercial Use Permit application for a full-line restaurant located in the Service Commercial (SC) District.

2. UP 04-8
Lorraine Gutierrez
E/s San Carlos btwn 5th & 6th
Block 57, Lot(s) 12 & 14
Consideration of a Commercial Use Permit application for an antique store in the Commercial (CC) District.

3. UP 04-1, DS 03-122
Robb Johnson
W/s San Antonio btwn 2nd & 4th
Sand Dunes, Lot(s) 4
Consideration of an amendment to an existing use permit for a garage for an historic single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) and AS, P and B Overlay Districts.

4. DS 01-21
Chris Lattanzio
N/s 2nd btwn Carpenter & Lobos
Block 18, E 1/2 Lot(s) 18 & 20
Consideration of a Track Three Design Study (Concept and Final Review) application for an exception to the on-site parking requirements and for the substantial alteration of a single-family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

5. UP 04-11, DS 04-53
Carl Panattoni
W/s San Antonio btwn 2nd & 4th
Sand Dunes Lot(s) 7
Consideration of a Design Study (Concept Review) application for alterations to an existing single-family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

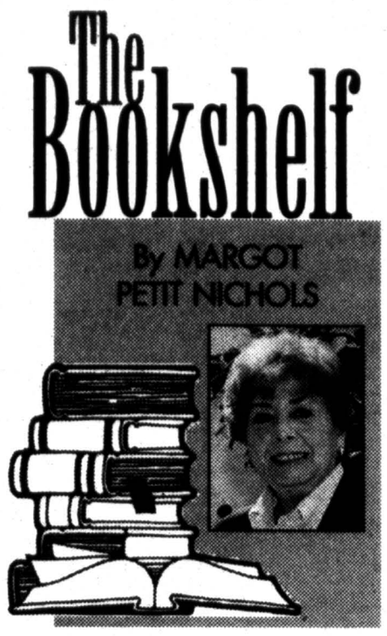
6. UP 04-9, DR 04-14
Robert Profeta
W/s Junipero btwn 5th & 6th
Block 58, Lot(s) 21
Consideration of applications for an amendment to a commercial Use Permit and Design Review of an existing restaurant located in the Service Commercial (SC) District.

Planning Commission
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
(s) Anne Morris
Secretary of said Commission
Publication dates: April 30, 2004. (PC425)

Don't forget to check out the Pine Cone's Website!
www.carmelpinecone.com

Cozy up with this Monterey Peninsula mystery tale

"THE CARMELO DIARIES," a novel by **Marilou Tomblin**, begins as the world famous Pro-Am golf tournament is played at Pebble Beach. "Rita Minetti, an eighth generation Californian, is enmeshed in a mysterious burglary of her antique bookshop in Pebble Beach," the cover synopsis reads. Right then I was hooked. A mysterious burglary, and in an antique bookshop — right up my alley.



Family diaries begun in the 1820s written in Spanish by Clarita de Segovia from a Carmel Valley ranch continued for years, right through the American conquest of California and the Gold Rush. Her granddaughter Isabel brings Clarita's story into the 20th century with her own journals, and contemporary Rita, who inherited the diaries, tries to solve the mystery of their disappearance.

For 30 years, the author has lived with her husband in their home overlooking Carmel Bay and Point Lobos. A graduate of Stanford University, she is a former Carmel High teacher and an avid collector of books. Since the publication of "The Carmelo Diaries" by iUniverse. Inc. the end of last year, Marilou Tomblin has begun research for another California novel. The handsome "Carmelo Diaries" cover photograph is of Carmel Bay looking towards the Santa Lucia Mountains from Stewart Beach. The 358-page soft-cover retails for $20.95.

Meet the author at a booksigning at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel. For information call 624-1803.

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LAST CALL to hear best selling author Susan Vreeland from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Golden Bough Theatre in Carmel as guest of Carmel Public Library Foundation at their annual Literary Feast fundraiser. Vreeland is author of **"The Girl in Hyacinth Blue"** and **"The Passion of Artemisia,"** and her latest, **"The Forest Lover."** In this book Vreeland illuminates the extraordinary life of Emil Carr (1871 - 1945), an independent painter from British Columbia who made a name for herself as a major force in North American art of the early 20th century.

Vreeland's presentation will begin at 4 p.m. followed by a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and book signing. Tickets for the event are $75 and may be purchased by calling the Carmel Public Library Foundation office at 624-2811. If you purchase the book at the Thunderbird Bookshop in The Barnyard, Carmel, a portion of the proceeds will go to the foundation for books, equipment and programs.

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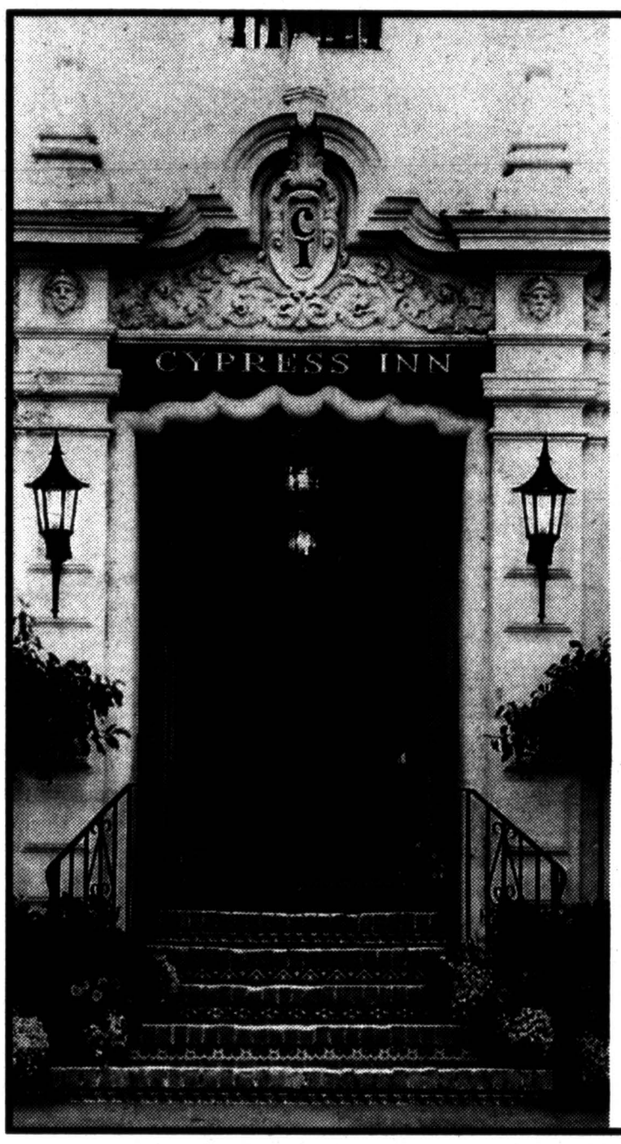
"IN MY now rather lengthy career as a 'limerick guy,'" said **Bruce Hamilton**, "I must have written thousands upon thousands of my jog-trotty limericks." Hamilton, a Monterey poet known for a quirky sense of humor, whimsy and brilliant intellect, has written a new book, **"100 Limericks"** available through AuthorHouse. Hamilton, who put in two years at Yale before becoming a farm worker, is an aficionado of the writings of Jorge Luis Borges, whom he once met and to this day still shares certain literary views and predilections. In the late '90s, Hamilton, who was a member of the Carmel poetry group, Hubris, edited a compendium of poetry by its members. The limerick book is available through AuthorHouse, hotline 888-280-7715, through Borders and also Barnes & Noble. It sells for between $8 and $9. Don't miss this one.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040992. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL PACIFIC FINANCIAL,** 225 Crossroads Blvd., #136, Carmel, CA 93923. MARY CATHERINE CAMERON, 225 Crossroads Blvd., #136, Carmel, CA 93923. TERRY ZISMAN, 225 Crossroads Blvd., #136, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1997. (s) Mary Catherine Cameron, Terry Zisman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 23, 2004. Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2004. (PC 423)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040991. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MARSHALL MEYER & STRONG,** 225 Crossroads Blvd., #136, Carmel, CA 93923. MARY CATHERINE CAMERON, 225 Crossroads Blvd., #136, Carmel, CA 93923. TERRY ZISMAN, 225 Crossroads Blvd., #136, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 2004. (s) Mary Catherine Cameron, Terry Zisman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 23, 2004. Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2004. (PC 424)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20041026. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL WEDDINGS,** 201 Glenwood Cir. #14A, Monterey, CA 93940. FRANCIS P. FISCHER, 201 Glenwood Cir. #14A, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Feb. 20, 2004. (s) Francis P. Fischer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 28, 2004. Publication dates: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2004. (PC 426)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
ROBERT ALLAN AEBERSOLD,
Deceased.
Case No. MP-17099
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ROBERT ALLAN AEBERSOLD

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to ROBERT C. MELLOR, Trustee of the Trust Dated July 2, 1984, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Thomas Hart Hawley
Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

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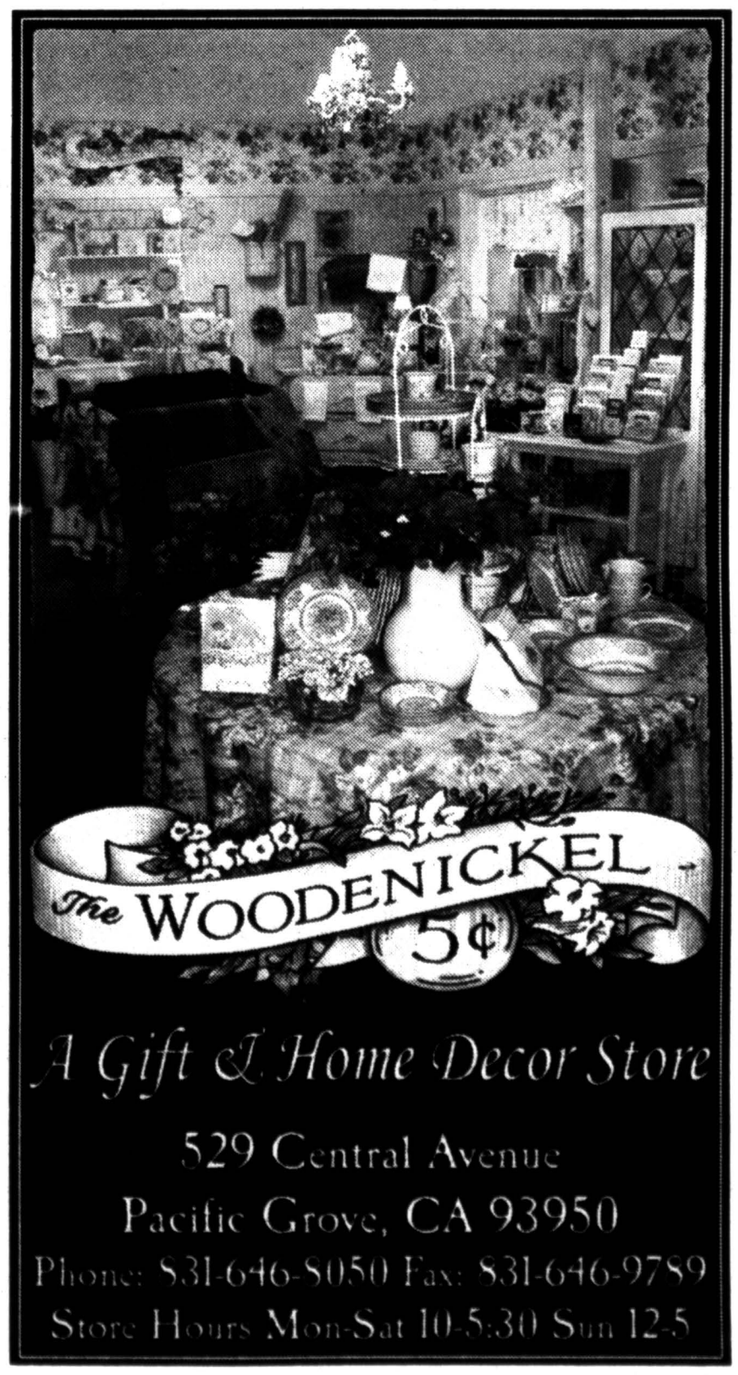

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OPINION

Editorial

Why do we have 'vicarious liability'?

LAST WEEK, we learned that the people of Carmel may not be liable if one of their trees falls on somebody's house — an unjust situation, to say the least, and also highly unusual in the nation's courthouses, where the party with the deepest pockets usually ends up paying, regardless of what's fair.

Outrageous lawsuits and grossly disproportionate damage awards have become so commonplace, in fact, that public confidence in the civil courts has been dangerously eroded. But, despite widespread public outrage that began in 1994 when a New Mexico woman won a $2.7 million judgment against McDonald's after spilling coffee on herself, pretty much nothing has changed:

■ Two weeks ago, a doctor in Greenwich, Conn., reaped a $6 million payday courtesy of city taxpayers after breaking his leg in a sledding accident. He claimed the city — which owns the the popular Sleigh Hill, where generations have tested their Flexible Flyers — didn't properly maintain the slope to prevent him from crashing at the bottom. Now Greenwich is considering banning sledding on public property.

■ In another winter sports mishap, a Massachusetts court ruled in 2003 that a woman could sue her neighbor after breaking her arm on the neighbor's backyard luge track, even though the woman asked if she could come over and try it.

■ Last year an Illinois appeals court ordered a trial on a family's claim that a Chinese restaurant was responsible for their son's injuries when he spun a lazy Susan and flung hot tea on himself. The judge said "the restaurant should have anticipated that [the child's] parents would fail to prevent him from disturbing the pot of tea."

Cases like these, seemingly more numerous every year, rely on gross misapplication of the general principle of "tort damages," which is supposed to allow an injured person to obtain compensation from whoever, either intentionally or by negligence, caused the injury. Instead, judges and juries have twisted the principle to award big-money damages simply because they feel sorry for the injured person. In many cases, even when the pitied individual directly caused the injury, a huge bill is handed to an innocent bystander who happens to have lots of money, turning civil courts into the nation's premier venue for income redistribution.

But now we also see insane damage awards in civil cases that have not resulted from misapplied law; these injustices come directly from boneheaded lawmakers.

Consider the case of 15-year-old Amber Chilberg of Youngstown, N.Y. Five years ago, while sunbathing in the driveway of her family's home, she suffered severe injuries after her father ran over her in his car.

Of course, she sued Dad — not because she expected him to fork over a wad of cash. Under New York's vicarious liability law, the owner of the vehicle was responsible, regardless of who was driving. Because her dad drove over her with a car leased from a local Ford dealer, Amber collected almost $1 million from the Ford Motor Company. According to the N.Y. Times, a dozen automobile manufacturers have now stopped offering vehicle leases in New York because of the state's vicarious-liability law.

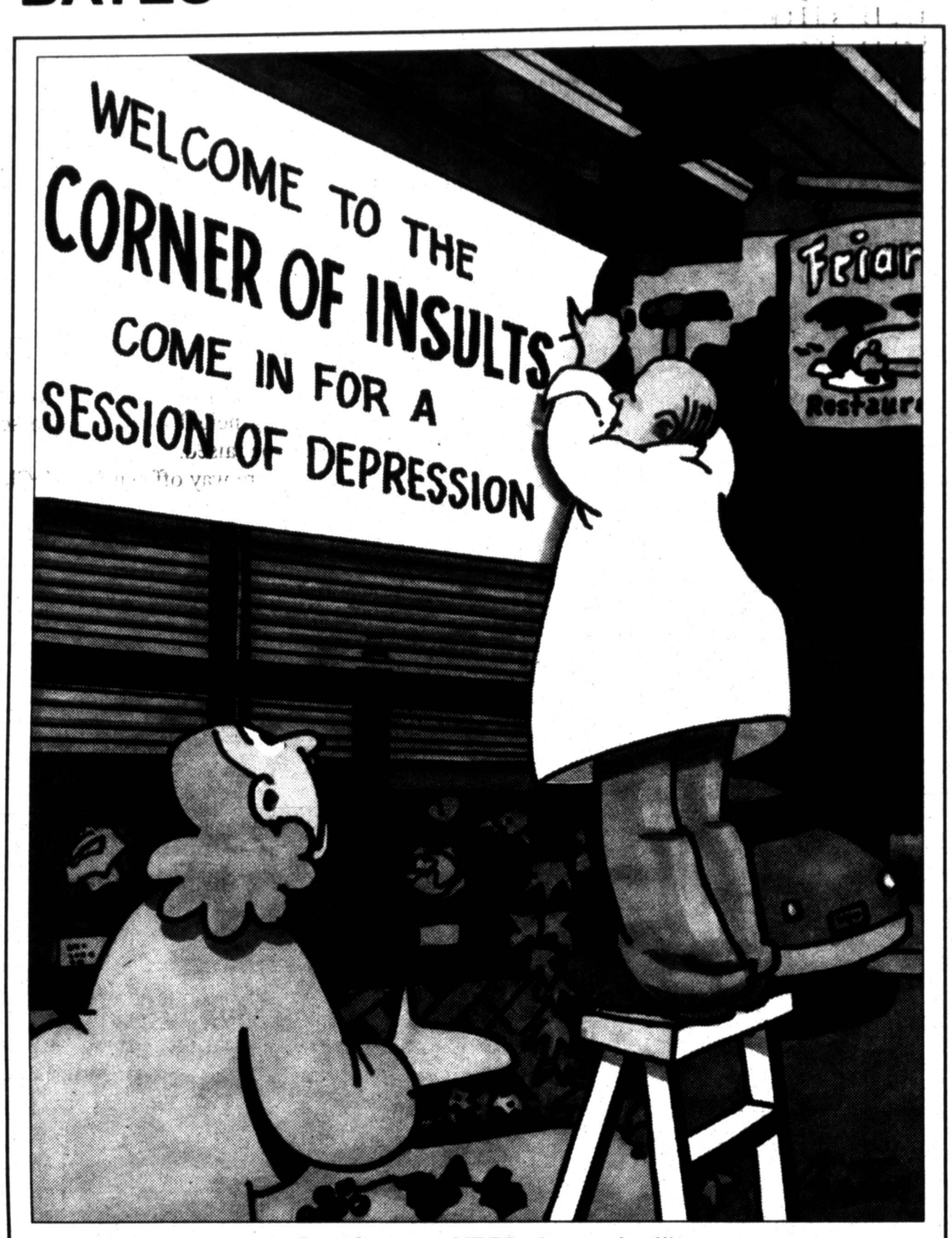
Obviously, Ford didn't cause Amber's injuries. But the speaker of the N.Y. Assembly, Sheldon Silver, a trial lawyer, said he didn't care. The issue for him, he told a reporter, is to "protect victims of car accidents." In other words: Make sure somebody who can pay is forced to, regardless of who is at fault.

California doesn't allow vicarious liability to be invoked against car manufacturers or leasing companies. But the law in this state makes individual car owners responsible when they let someone else drive their car.

So, before you loan your wheels to your neighbor for a quick trip to the store, be sure to consider what may happen to that friendship — and your bank account — if he has an accident on the way.

And then consider the bigger question: Why on earth does our legal system provide for vicarious liability?

BATES



"But, Greg, we NEED the tourists!"

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.

The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

'Deeply disturbed' about fallen tree

Dear Editor,

As a former resident of Carmel, now residing in Los Angeles, I am deeply disturbed about the story of a large, city-owned tree falling through a Carmel house, causing considerable damage.

With two adult children and a toddler grandchild living in Carmel, I visit Carmel frequently to spend time with my family.

I thought the City of Carmel was both proud of their trees and responsible for them.

It shocks me that the city and its insurance company are denying responsibility for the fallen tree.

As a parent and grandparent, I am concerned for all families, as well as the thousands of visitors and tourists who come from all over the world to enjoy this town, which is renowned for its natural beauty.

Knowing that if such a thing happened to a resident or visitor and the city may not take responsibility for the harm caused by a city tree quite honestly frightens me. It could be my own grandchild!

I hope on my next visit to Carmel, that this situation will be resolved with a positive outcome for all.

M.G. Laurence, *Los Angeles*

Little regard for C.V.'s problems

Dear Editor,

The residents of the Carmel River watershed (Carmel-by-the-Sea included) need a lesson in geography. One need only drive down Carmel Valley Road, observing the mountain range on the north side of the valley, to realize they should have a city or a county of their own, apart from the residents on the other side of the mountains.

The fact is, the majority of the politicians and members and boards of the agencies that govern us, and especially that control our water, live outside Carmel Valley. And the owners of our water supply — the stock-

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CASH

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shut down city offices one day a week.

Taking advantage of vacant positions and recent retirements, Guillen said the city could cut costs by freezing hiring and reorganizing several departments to eliminate 17.5 full-time jobs. Eleven currently open positions amounted to $990,000 in the last budget.

Forestry and building maintenance would be folded into the public works department; fire and police would be run by a single director of public safety. The high-level positions of planning director, fire chief, police chief, Sunset Community and Cultural Director and assistant city administrator would be eliminated, as would police lieutenant, one corporal and the police services supervisor.

Scout House is 'sitting there, and we can't afford to fix it.'

— Gerard Rose

An art, recreation and community services division would oversee Forest Theater, other cultural venues owned by Carmel and city-sponsored activities. The Sunset Community and Cultural Department would be replaced by a private nonprofit. The human resources division would be included in administrative services.

"Going down to 71.5 positions means slightly lower levels of service," newly elected councilman Mike Cunningham said. "We're not going to expect them to do what 89 used to do."

Guillen agreed current staff would be asked to do more jobs and that less time would be spent on each task.

"We're not going to take any steps that would reduce our effectiveness with regards to police and fire," councilman Gerard Rose added.

Searching for other innovative ways to get work done with fewer people at less expense, council members suggested Carmel Police Chief George Rawson continue trading services with Pacific Grove. The chief is currently working with P.G. on a pilot program in which Carmel provides parking officers while P.G. offers help with public events, animal control and training. Because the deal has been operating only since last month, Rawson conservatively estimated savings at $6,500 a year, mostly by reducing overtime.

"Hopefully we'll realize greater savings as we get more and more into this," Guillen said, adding that Carmel might begin sharing vehicle maintenance with Monterey.

Running with an idea pitched by committee member Chris Winfield, city hall could also get free help from local college student volunteers.

"There's no harm in asking," Guillen said.

Upping revenues

On the money-raising side, council members reaffirmed their desire to sell Flanders Mansion for an estimated $5.2 million and possibly Scout House — currently closed because it lacks legal handicapped access — for an estimated $925,000. Selling the properties would also bring more property taxes back to the city and reduce the amount it spends every year on maintaining city properties.

"I feel a certain frustration in having a property like that which we can't use," Rose said of Scout House. "It's sitting there, and we can't afford to fix it."

Meanwhile, the council sidelined the sale of Rio Park due to lack of interest from buyers and took its Martin Way lots off the list because the coastal commission has declared them environmentally sensitive habitat area, making them difficult to develop.

Guillen should move on a program to charge tour buses for parking, according to the council, which also suggested surveying neighboring cities to see if Carmel's permit fees should be raised.

"We are way off synch," McCloud estimated. "Way low."

Committee members were commended for the idea of working with a bank to create a city-branded credit card, which would raise money for the city whenever it's used.

Although the initial idea of creating an improvement district in which businesses would contribute money to a downtown marketing effort — rather than the city paying for PR — was unpopular, council members favored a revamped version.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac, who owns a downtown store, said the city should help pay for marketing considering how much it benefits from sales and hotel taxes.

"The more money we have that we can spend on marketing or promotion, the better," she said.

Guillen speculated business owners might be more willing to contribute to a business improvement district if they knew the city will also pitch in.

"That was not the case last time," he said.

Questioning the financial health of hotels in town, council members opted against increasing the transient occupancy tax, which would require two-thirds voter approval. Instead, they asked for an audit to determine occupancy rates and ensure the city is receiving its full share of taxes.

Along those lines, the committee suggested imposing TOT on 30-day rentals, which Guillen said might have some legal hurdles but which he promised to examine.

Resident Larry Rodocker said the city could raise more than $1 million by imposing a property sale transfer tax of $4.50 per $1,000 of sale price, or $4,500 on a $1 million home.

"It would impact only the sellers of real estate — speculators and those who are leaving the community," he said.

In calculating revenue numbers for the budget, Guillen said he included money which comes from the state, such as vehicle license fees and property taxes. But given the poor budget outlook on the state level, Carmel could end up without those funds when the Legislature adopts its budget.

"Revenues remain uncertain," he said. "We're still facing state takeaways."

New councilman Erik Bethel suggested erring on the side of caution rather than assuming any of that money will end up in the city's accounts.

"Maybe it would make sense not to include it at all, and if we get it, it's a windfall," he said.

Three-year to-do list

Turning to the goals for the next three years, the council trimmed some projects from its work plan while adding others.

Many of the priorities remained the same, including settling the Sunset Center management issue, pursuing paid parking and selling or leasing Flanders Mansion. ADA upgrades, tree planting and other improvements encompassed in the Forest Theater Master Plan are now on the list to be completed within a year, as are the firehouse retrofit and new landscaping for the library and median strips on Ocean Avenue.

New public works priorities include installing four-way stops throughout the business district and reducing speed limits on some residential streets to 15 mph.

Completed or soon-to-be finished tasks were removed.

Every city committee, commission and board weighed in on their work priorities and potential ways to save money, but the council did not discuss those options April 26.

Instead, members will review them and compile their recommendations in advance of the next budget meeting set for May 13. Budget hearings farther down the road include May 25 and June 3, when the council might adopt a budget. If it needs more time, additional meetings could run to June 30.

LETTERS

From previous page

holders of Cal-Am Water Co. — live around the world.

How can these persons and agencies have a genuine interest in preserving or protecting our quality of life? Most residents of Monterey County live in the Salinas Valley, which has a much larger river and watershed and includes two tributaries of the Salinas River that are as large as the Carmel River and two large reservoirs dedicated to flood control, recreation and water usage. Can we blame them if they have little regard that our two petty reservoirs lay idle and most of our water is wasted?

Harry Rockey, *Hacienda Carmel*

Answer to This Week's Puzzle

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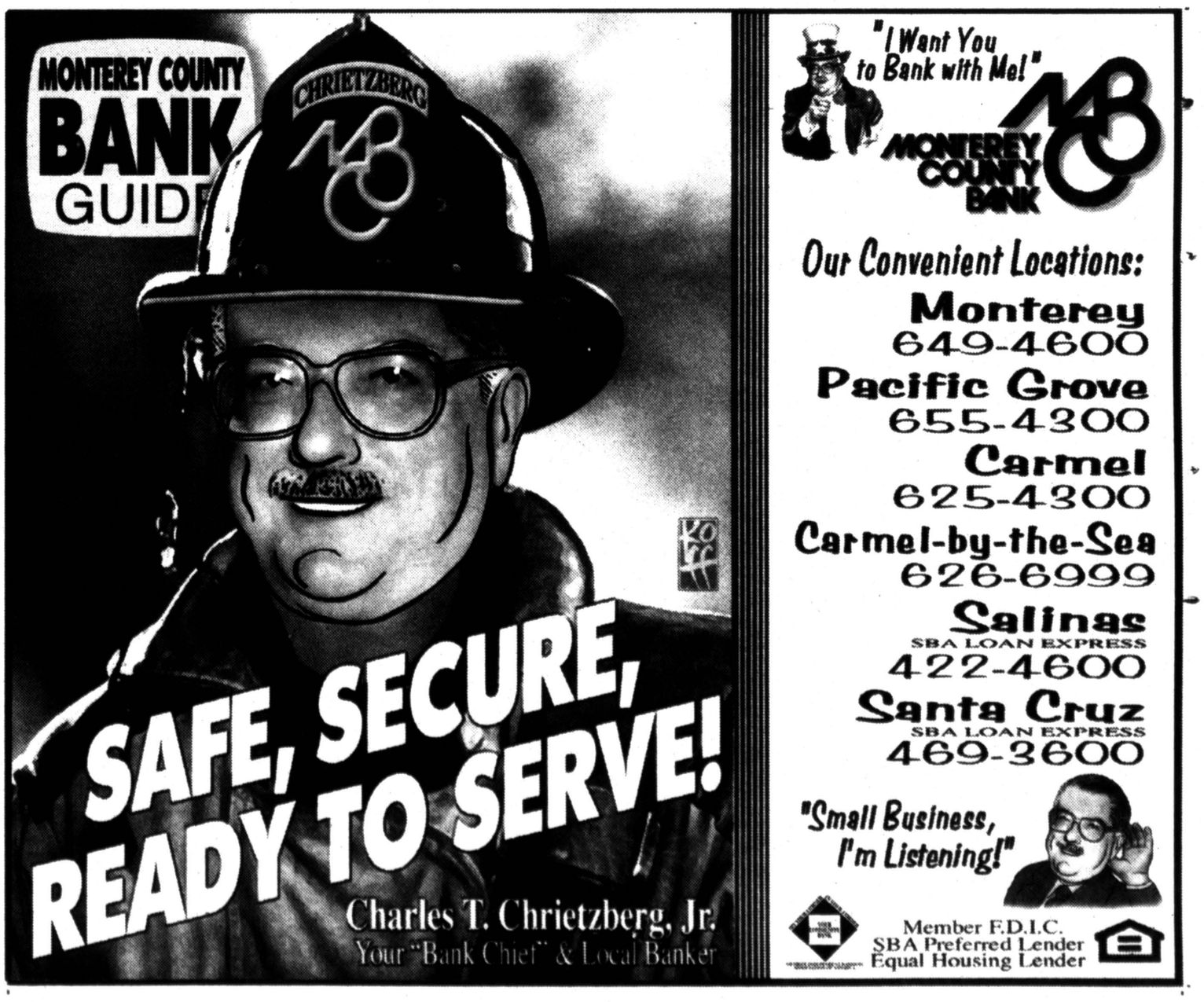

By Margot Petit Nichols

JOJO ROGINSON, 1-1/2, is a spunky, adorable Pomeranian/fox terrier mix who lives in Big Sur with her Mom Tracy and Dad Terry. She has been a Roginson since she was two months old.

JoJo comes up to Carmel whenever she can get a ride, and likes to hook up with her beach buddy Willie, a gray-furred terrier type who enjoys a cavort near the waves with the best of them. JoJo daintily dips in a toe, thus completing her aquatic seaside ritual before going for a boisterous run and chase across the sand.

Back home in Big Sur, a poodle-Bichon named Harlo is JoJo's best friend who comes over to play several times a week. Unlike sleek-furred JoJo, Harlo is ever so curly and attracts burrs, brush and dust like a magnet, necessitating a good brushing before she returns to her Ripplewood home, tidy and neat as pie.

Being a much-loved only child, JoJo likes as much attention as she can get. Whenever Mom Tracy turns on the TV at the end of the day, JoJo suddenly thinks of lots of fun things she'd like to do with her. And when Dad Terry sits down at his computer desk, that's the precise time JoJo zips onto her pillows under the desk to play with her toys. The stuffed monkey with the long arms and legs, when shaken, flops about violently, striking anything within reach – mainly Dad's ankles.

Since Dad is a surfer who has competed in all the Carmel surfing contests for 20 years, he plans to induce JoJo onto the nose of his surfboard soon – just in the shallows, you understand. It wouldn't do to get her feet wet.

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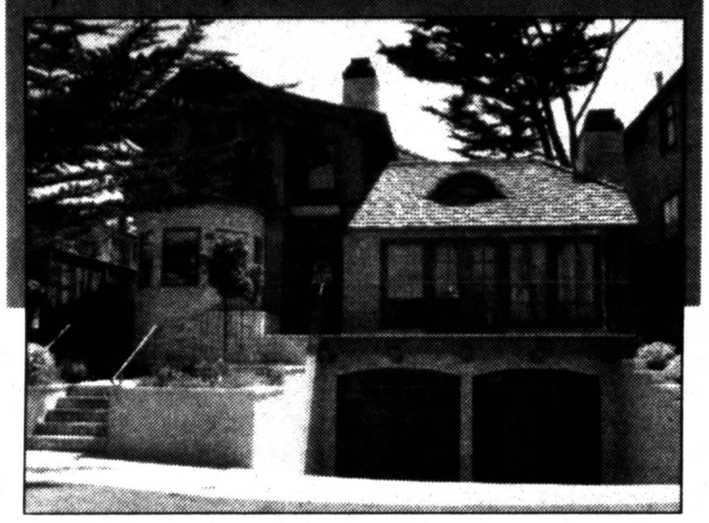

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2NW Carmelo & 11th $925,000
Marjorie T Watson to Raymond & Kathryn Angelillo
Dolores & 8th #4 SW $1,500,000
Keith R & Margaret R Domnick to David L & Bonnie J Wolfe
3600 High Meadow Dr #7 $490,000
Randolph P & Kathleen M High to Naresh K & See W Parshatom
2998 Franciscan Wy $3,500,000
Tescher & Levett Investment to R Harwood & Judith A Beville
1SW Carmelo & 7th $2,225,000
John F & Chris Vetrano to Brian A & Sandra E Berris
2SW Casanova & Feaser $1,825,000
Robert M & Judith B Walker to Daniel J & Diana Clare Bergeson
25033 Valley Pl $989,000
Robert B & Judith A Riefe to Schepps/West Development Corp
2631 Walker Av $875,000
A Andrew Jensen to Phillip & Dorothy Virgi Bradbury
2SE Carmelo & 11th $1,850,000
James & Beverly Brauer to Thomas W & Lynda F Christal
2730 Santa Lucia Av $2,200,000
Douglas W Johnson to Daniel & Eva Miranda
2920 Ribera Rd $1,184,000
Jovan & Sanya Micovic to James & Beverly Brauer
3602 Eastfield Rd $1,125,000
Phillip & Lea A Kagel to Simon & Susan Koo

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

Coastlands $1,900,000
Travis L & Hope Bryant to Karl R & Nadora Tiffany Vogel
Palo Colorado Cyn Lt 2 & 3 $640,000
C Wesley Freedman to Joel & Monica Severson

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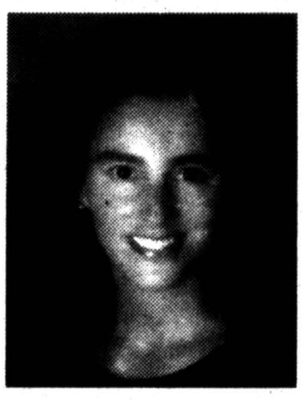

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Tim Allen & Greg Linder
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"Carmel Legends"

There are certain sacred cows in the history of Carmel who had long been praised for pioneering the artistic reputation of this extraordinary place. Oddly enough, we find it difficult to express much admiration or reverence for them, and we will probably be roundly criticized for lumping them all together as a pretty irresponsible. The ring leader was GEORGE STERLING, a dilettante of the early 1900's, a poet by his own definition, who guided this group of ne're-do-wells through a series of revelries which would get them jailed today. One of his many buddies was AMBROSE BIERCE, a San Francisco cynic who disappeared, in 1916 or so, in Mexico. Sterling himself committed suicide at the Bohemian Club in 1926. In fact, a number of the so-called Bohemians of Carmel met similarly self-induced ends. It's a puzzlement: they partied, they picnicked, they talked and sang and drank. And they wrote: poems, short stories, plays, novels. Not one of them – STERLING, MARY AUSTIN, JIMMY HOPPER, even SINCLAIR LEWIS was content to live an uninvolved life. They created, they invented, they revolted, they enjoyed the remarkable gift of nature which came to be called " Carmel-by-the-Sea." Disillusioned as most of them came to be, they are the fabric on which this remarkable place is woven. And we'll hear more about them in subsequent legends.

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CARMEL VALLEY

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2.5
Fireplaces: 2,350
Price: $1,385,000

This custom appointed contemporary boasts random width oak floors, maple cabinets, designer lighting, two garden patios, a fountain, hot tub and deck, plus open beamed ceilings upstairs.

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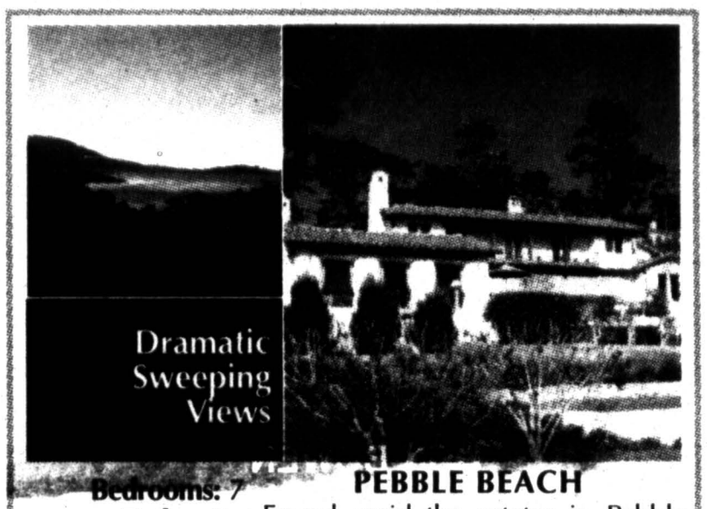

PEBBLE BEACH

Bedrooms: 7
Baths: 6+
Feature: Pool & Spa
Price: $19,900,000

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Found amid the estates in Pebble Beach, lies Hacienda Mar Y Monte. Built in 1929 by Robert Stanton and meticulously remodeled in recent years, this elegant and relaxing home is a rare combination of space, privacy, location and awe-inspiring views.

JACKS PEAK

Bedrooms: 2
Baths: 2.5
Acres: 5.1
Price: $1,795,000

This private, park-like setting consists of two homes, a two plus car garage and workshop, three log cabins, and a laundry cabin. Boasts a river rock fireplace, pine floors, varnished knotty pine walls and more. Only minutes to Peninsula cities.

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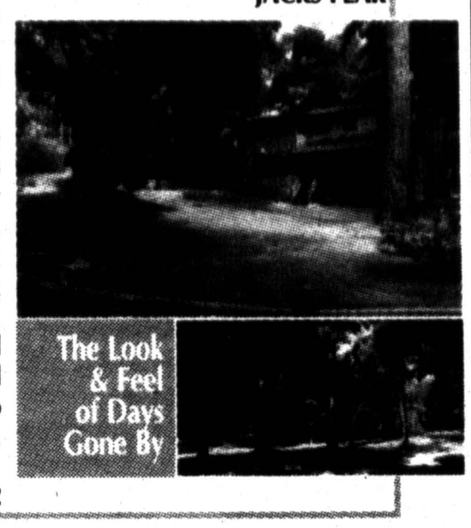

CARMEL

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3
Sq. Ft.: 2,100
Price: $2,595,000

A remodeled home surrounded by beauty – from the inviting Carmel stone front courtyard to the private back garden and brick patio. Upgrades include a state-of-the-art kitchen and hardwood floors throughout. Walk to the beach.

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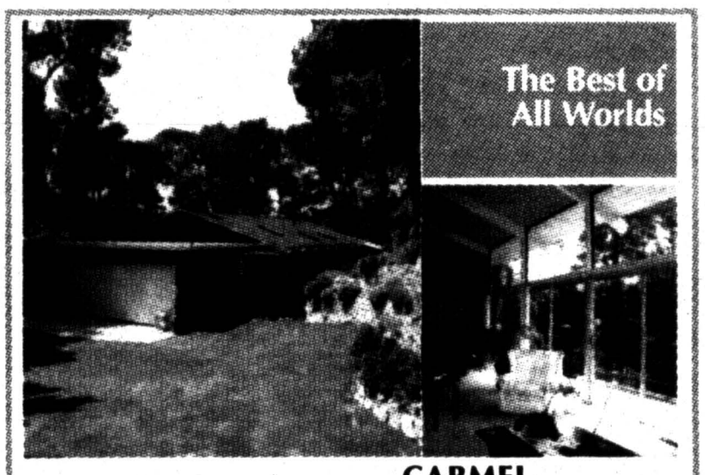

CARMEL

Bedrooms: 4+
Baths: 3
Fireplaces: 2
Price: $1,250,000

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Set back from the street in a private park-like setting on 3/4 acres this spacious property affords beautiful views from all rooms. Cathedral ceilings, two fireplaces, workshop, hot tub and manicured terraced gardens add to the privacy and serenity of this Carmel Knolls home.

PEBBLE BEACH

Bedrooms: 2
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,500+
Price: $675,000

Fabulous greenbelt and bay views. All new last year. Slab granite counters in kitchen & baths, limestone floors, double pane windows, fireplace, custom cabinets and built-in entertainment center with wet bar. Must see!

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MONTEREY

Bedrooms: 5
Baths: 3
Fireplaces: 2
Price: $1,295,000

Tons of living space from this well maintained home with sunroom. Privately situated on a cul de sac with views of Monterey Bay and city lights. Large garage area and RV or boat parking.

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CARMEL VALLEY

Bedrooms: 2
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,300
Price: $765,000

This sunny Quail Lodge end unit is located on the 8th hole and features skylights, high ceilings, and a private entry courtyard. Just a short stroll to the newly remodeled golf club and Edgar's Restaurant.

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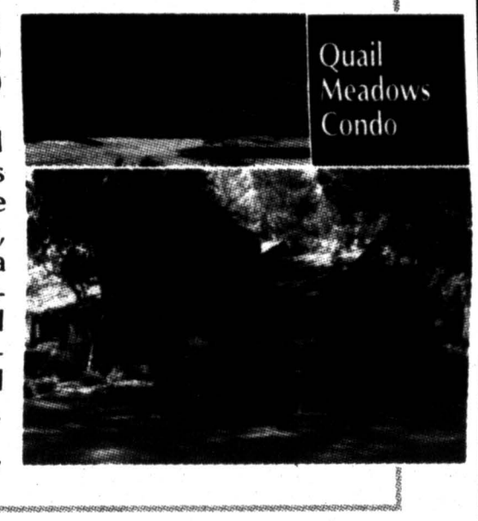

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,500
Price: $1,495,000

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South of Ocean Avenue location with southern exposure only three blocks to the beach. Features include open beam ceiling, wood floors and brick fireplace. Kitchen, master bedroom and bathroom added new in 1995. Mature landscaping, brick pathways and patios.

CARMEL

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,440+
Price: $825,000

Tucked behind a privacy fence, this single story home is enhanced by skylights, vaulted ceilings and a dual fireplace. In addition to offering great interior space, gardens, patios and an interior courtyard add to this property's beauty.

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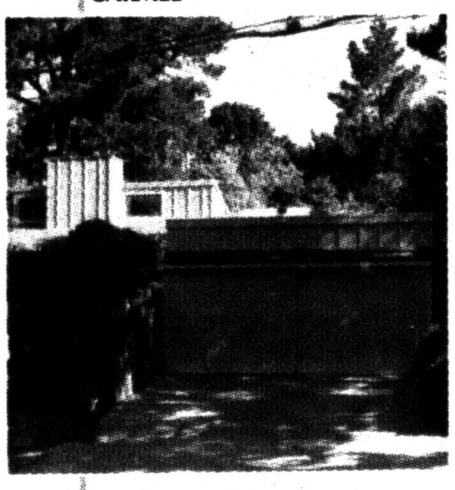

SEASIDE

Bedrooms: 5+
Baths: 3
Sq. Ft.: 2,430
Price: $749,000

This spacious home literally shines with its flower boxes, landscaping, decks and patio.Tastefully remodeled with a versatile floor plan including upgrades such as hardwood floors, new carpet and tile, and new paint – inside and out.

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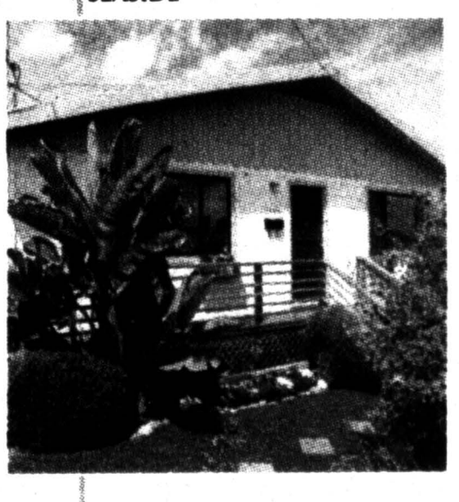

MONTEREY

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,470+
Price: $725,000

Fabulous city, bay and mountain views from this single level home with quiet privacy. The great room has vaulted ceilings and a brick fireplace. Most of the house has hardwood floors.

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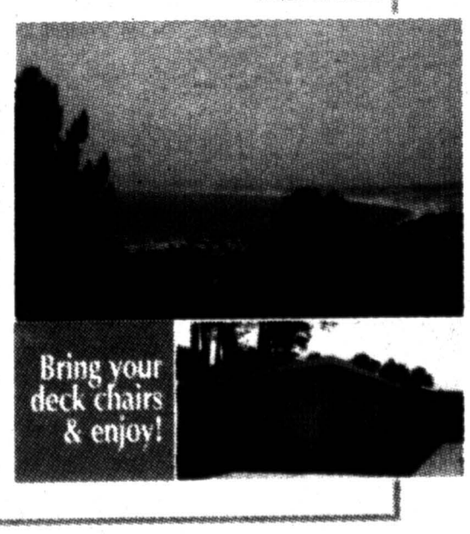

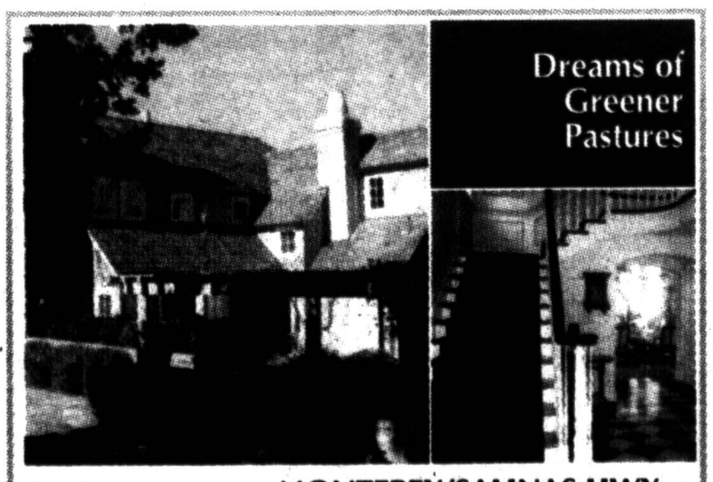

MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY

Bedrooms: 5
Baths: 5+
Fireplaces: 5
Price: $2,995,000

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This exquisite French Country Estate is situated high on a 2.7 acre knoll overlooking beautiful green pastures in the upscale Markham Ranch. This home features amenities that make it the perfect place to entertain.

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Bedrooms: 4
Baths: 6+
Fireplaces: 5
Price: $7,950,000

This classic Mediterranean residence, designed by Robert Lamb Hart, features sheltered patios, gardens , gourmet kitchen, office/library, two home theaters, and more.

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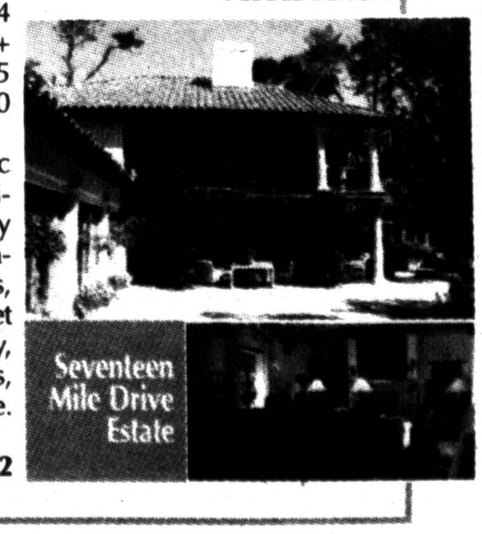

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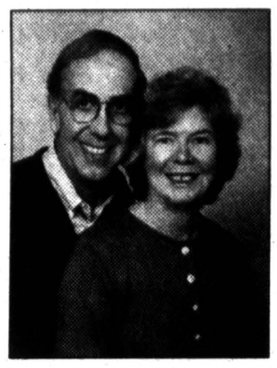
Storm of buying hits local real estate market



House Talk

By Paul & Nellie Brocchini

First quarter report

WE HAVE in our file an appraisal done in December 2003 on a well-located Carmel property. The appraiser correctly noted that although median sales prices had been going up in the past few years, the higher ranges had "virtually no change over 2000."

The appraiser further observed, as we have in several columns, that the low-end market (under $1 million) had been strong, fueled by low interest rates, while the high end had been slow, with growing inventories and lengthening market times. Summing up, the appraiser went on to say, "no significant changes are expected in this market (high-end) in the near future."

When we read this report in early January, we felt the appraiser was absolutely correct. Although the overall market was good in 2003, the high end was languishing. Six sales on Scenic Road in Carmel in 2003 with a total volume exceeding $30 million were a notable exception.

Unbeknown to us, and everyone else, the planets were lining up in January, and a burst of high-end activity was about to explode. Since Feb. 1, just in Carmel, there have been 15 sales of more than $2 million, 10 of which closed by April 24. Of those closed, two were for more than $8 million, two in the $3 million dollar range and six in the $2 million category.

In the first-time buyer markets of Seaside and Marina, there is a frenzy of buying. Multiple offers and selling prices over asking are common. One could foresee the coming shortage at entry level prices, but the sudden flurry at the high end was totally unexpected. What fueled it is anyone's guess, but a good bet is that the hot Bay Area market has boiled over onto us.

This is the fun part of free markets. They are truly unpredictable. The next slow market will not announce itself in advance.

Median Home Sale Prices (dollars)

	Full yr 2002	Full yr 2003	1st Qtr 2003	1st Qtr 2004
Carmel	910,000	985,000	895,000	1,150,000
Carmel Valley	825,000	870,000	982,000	850,000
Del Rey Oaks	457,250	515,000	475,000	574,500
Marina	369,000	420,000	390,000	480,000
Monterey	535,000	625,000	590,000	580,000
Pacific Grove	529,500	595,000	568,000	690,000
Pebble Beach	1,006,250	1,050,000	1,632,000	1,275,000
Salinas Highway	650,000	730,000	808,895	775,000
Seaside	339,000	388,500	375,000	464,500
South Coast	1,660,000	1,175,000	1,114,000	1,950,000

Distribution of Sales — 1st Quarter 2004

	Under $200	$200-$299	$300-$399	$400-$499	$500-$599	$600-$999	One Mil+
Carmel	0	0	0	1	1	18	28
Carmel Valley	0	0	0	2	4	16	10
Del Rey Oaks	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
Marina	0	0	2	15	7	3	0
Monterey	0	0	1	4	9	12	0
Pacific Grove	0	0	2	2	6	19	8
Pebble Beach	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Salinas Highway	0	0	2	1	8	31	9
Seaside	0	0	3	25	16	0	0
South Coast	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Total	0	0	10	50	56	105	74

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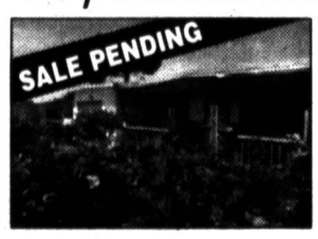
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From previous page

When the Federal Reserve reverses its trend on interest rates, prices should ease and volume decline at the low end. But enough, already! Let's get to the first-quarter numbers.

Dollar and sales volume

Dollar volume reached $266,572,000 in the quarter, 32 percent above the first quarter of last year. Carmel had a huge quarter with sales totaling $67,853,000, 95.6 percent over last year's figure of $34,695,000. Eight of the 10 markets were up, the exceptions being Pebble Beach, down 13 percent and Monterey, off 20 percent.

The number of transac-

*See **BROCCHINI** page 8B*

Home Sales — Gross Dollar Volume

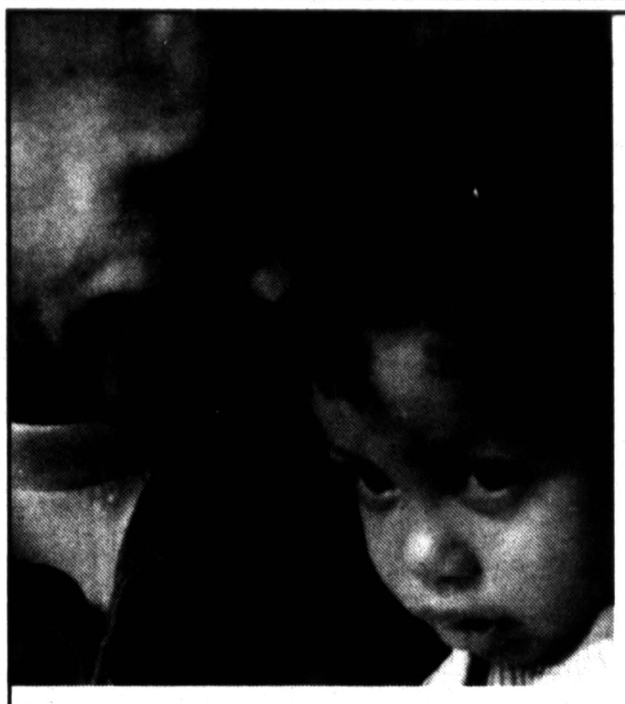
	1st Qtr 2003	1st Qtr 2004
Carmel	34,695,000	67,853,000
Carmel Valley	30,382,000	31,899,000
Del Rey Oaks	2,458,000	3,494,000
Marina	10,359,000	13,466,000
Monterey	19,994,000	15,915,000
Pacific Grove	22,312,000	31,949,000
Pebble Beach	29,772,000	25,968,000
Salinas Highway	28,586,000	42,365,000
Seaside	15,976,000	20,613,000
South Coast	7,228,000	13,050,000
Total	201,762,000	266,572,000

Home Sales by Quarter

	4th Qtr 2002	1st Qtr 2003	2nd Qtr 2003	3rd Qtr 2003	4th Qtr 2003	1st Qtr 2004
Carmel	44	35	43	54	53	48
Carmel Valley	30	28	25	39	42	32
Del Rey Oaks	3	5	6	8	5	6
Marina	32	25	26	31	31	27
Monterey	37	29	40	51	42	26
Pacific Grove	36	36	41	59	53	37
Pebble Beach	17	19	18	34	38	17
Slns Hiway	58	28	62	72	55	51
Seaside	40	42	51	60	52	44
South Coast	1	6	5	7	7	7
Total	298	253	317	415	378	295

Home Sales Market Barometer

Date	in escrow/ listings	%
Del Rey Oaks		
4/1/04	3/3	100
1/1/04	1/5	20.0
10/1/03	5/8	62.5
Marina		
4/1/04	18/24	75.0
1/1/04	12/16	75.0
10/1/03	15/28	53.6
Seaside		
4/1/04	32/44	72.0
1/1/04	21/32	66.0
10/1/03	37/58	63.8
Monterey		
4/1/04	33/60	55.0
1/1/04	16/44	36.0
10/1/03	29/63	46.0
Pacific Grove		
4/1/04	23/50	46.0
1/1/04	19/43	44.0
10/1/03	39/76	51.3
Carmel		
4/1/04	59/151	39.0
1/1/04	23/139	18.0
10/1/03	26/167	15.6
Pebble Beach		
4/1/04	33/87	38.0
1/1/04	11/65	17.0
10/1/03	18/85	21.2
Slns/Mtry Hiway		
4/1/04	37/111	33.0
1/1/04	22/100	22.0
10/1/03	37/130	28.5
Carmel Valley		
4/1/04	30/93	32.0
1/1/04	20/79	25.0
10/1/03	21/107	19.6
South Coast		
4/1/04	10/47	21.0
1/1/04	4/42	10.0
10/1/03	8/49	16.3



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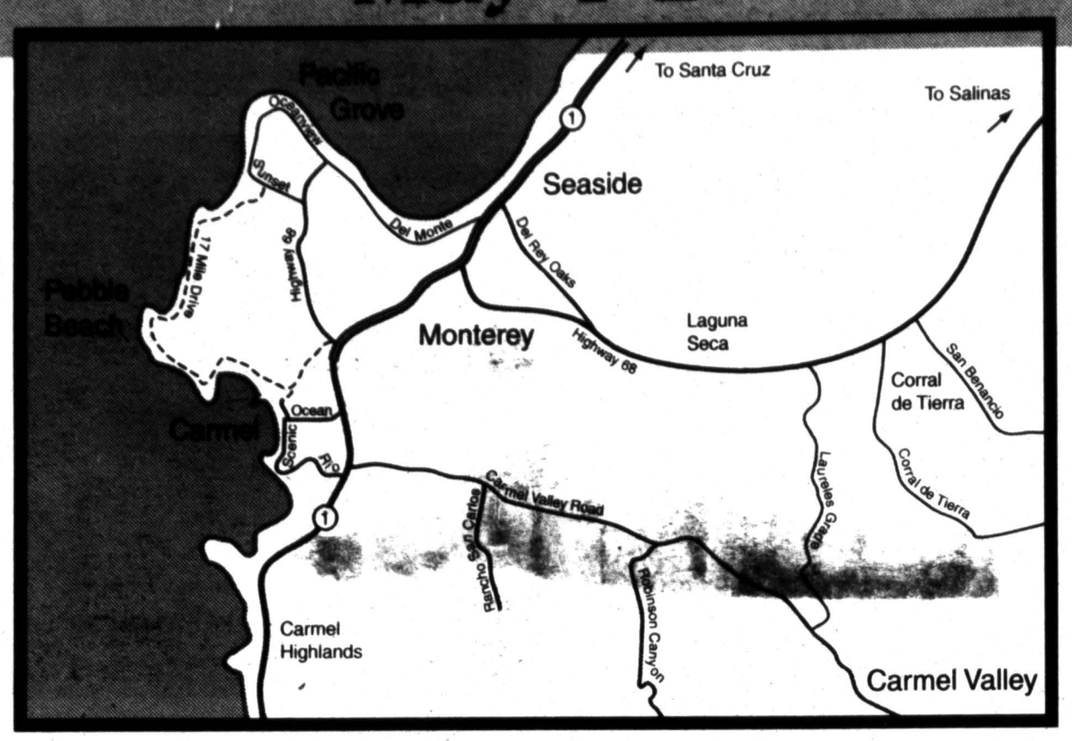

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Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
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3229 Serra		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		238-0464
$999,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
Santa Fe 3 NE of 2nd		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-6482
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Santa Rita 2SE of Ocean		Carmel
Centuary 21 Scenic Bay Prop.		648-7271
$1,295,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 2-4**
3454 Trevis Way		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-6482
$1,370,000	**3+bd 3ba**	**Su 1-4**
3472 Lazarro		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,450,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Su 2-4**
25975 Mission Street		Carmel
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,495,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 1:30-4**
12th Ave 2 NE of Camino Real		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-6482
$1,495,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 2-4**
Casanova 6 SW of 13th		Carmel
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2NE of San Carlos		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
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Vizcaino 5SW Mt. View		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2224
$1,600,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-3**
3627 Eastfield		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
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4SW Mountain View on Torres		Carmel
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3405 Lazarro Dr		Carmel
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Torres 3SW of Mt. View		Carmel
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Monte Verde 5NE of 5th Ave		Carmel
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25073 Hatton Rd		Carmel
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Casanova 2SE of Ocean		Carmel
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Lincoln 2SW of 12th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
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Dolores 3NW of 9th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
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4SW Santa Fe & 3rd		Carmel
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NW Cor of Camino Real at7th		Carmel
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Monte Verde 2SE of 13th		Carmel
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Lincoln 3 NW of 9th		Carmel
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8th Ave 2SE of Monte Verde		Carmel
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Mission 5SE of 12th		Carmel
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SE Corner Lopez & Third		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-6482
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26416 Carmelo		Carmel
John Saar Properties		625-0500
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NE Cor of Casanova & 8th		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-6482
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Forest 4SW of 7th		Carmel
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2784 Pradera		Carmel
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NECorMonteVerde&SantaLucia		Carmel
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2650 Ribera Road		Carmel
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Scenic Rd at Santa Lucia		Carmel
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
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26255 Ocean View Ave		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
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25434 Hatton Road		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
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SE Cor of Scenic and 10th		Carmel
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137 Boyd Way		Crml Highlands
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$375,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
136 Hacienda		Carmel Valley
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170 E Carmel Valley Road		Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group		659-2267
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605 Via La Estrella		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$1,050,000	**3+bd 2.5+ba**	**Sa 1-4**
467 Laureles Grade		Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group		659-2267
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912 C Carmel Valley Rd		Carmel Valley
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
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25395 Telarana Way		Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group		659-2267
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13399 Middle Canyon		Carmel Valley
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7076 Fairway Place		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$1,995,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Su 1-3**
7094 Valley Green Cir		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,995,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Su 1-4**
35182 Sky Ranch Road		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,195,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
27884 Mercurio Rd		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2224
$2,350,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
4 Marquard		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

DEL REY OAKS

$425,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Su 1-3**
140 Quail Run Court		Del Rey Oaks
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$729,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 2-4**
995 Portola		Del Rey Oaks
The Mitchell Group		636-2120

MONTEREY

$669,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Su 1-3**
898 David Ave		Monterey
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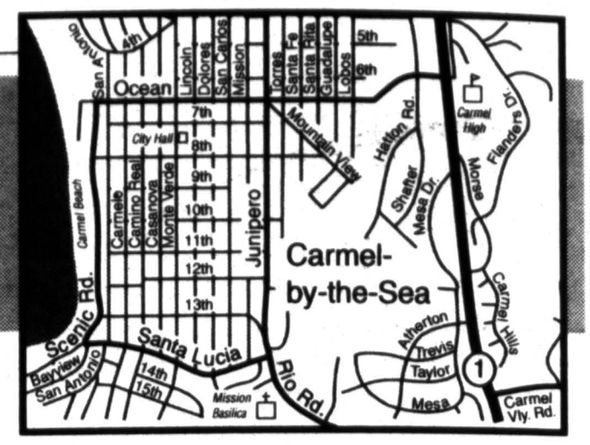

$672,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Su 1-3**
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Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$785,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-3**
108 McNear		Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$799,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Su 1-3**
625 Spencer St		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$900,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 2-4**
125 Surf Way #423		Monterey
The Mitchell Group		646-2120
$965,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Su 12-3**
5 Antelope Lane		Monterey
Prudential		915-9752
$1,045,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
932 Monterey Circle		Monterey
The Mitchell Group		646-2120
$1,100,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Su 1:30-3:30**
711 Woodcrest St		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,295,000	**5bd 3ba**	**Sa1-4 Su12:30-3:30**
771 Dry Creek		Monterey
The Mitchell Group		646-2120

MTRY./SALINAS HWY.

$590,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Su 2-4:30**
23799 Mtry/Slns Hwy #60		Mtry/Slns Hwy
The Mitchell Group		659-2267
$619,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
18063 Stonehaven		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$775,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
21428 Riverview Ct		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$1,175,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 2-4 Su 2-5**
25507 John Steinbeck Trail		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,295,000	**3bd 2ba+gst hs**	**Su 1-4**
19 Calera Canyon		Mtry/Slns Hwy
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$1,350,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
25681 Whip Rd		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Prudential		277-6766
$1,350,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 1-4**
25681 Whip Rd		Mtry/Slns Hwy
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$1,650,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa 2-4**
25671 Whip Rd		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Prudential		236-7976
$1,695,000	**3bd 3.5ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
13203 Corte De Chamisal		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
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284 Corral de Tierra		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,250,000	**4bd 4ba+gst hs**	**Sa 12-3**
26000 Hawks Flight Road		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,495,000	**4bd 4.5ba**	**Sa Su 2-4**
2 Estate Dr		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$2,495,000	**4bd 4ba**	**Sa 2-4**
25600 Boots Rd		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$3,295,000	**4bd 4.5ba**	**Su 2-4**
105 Via Del Milagro		Mtry/Slns Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

PACIFIC GROVE

$325,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 2-4**
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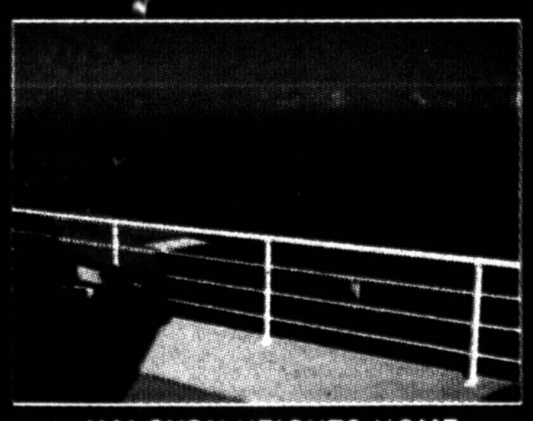

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$777,000 216 17th Street Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa Su 2-5** Pacific Grove 622-1040
$837,000 3bd 3ba 2900 Ransford Avenue Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa Su 1-4** Pacific Grove 622-1040
$1,450,000 4bd 2.5ba 940 14th St Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Sa 1-3** Pacific Grove 626-2226
$1,675,000 4bd 3ba 605 Pine Avenue The Mitchell Group		**Su 2-4** Pacific Grove 646-2120
$1,850,000 4bd 3ba 928 Fountain Ave The Mitchell Group		**Sa Su 1-4** Pacific Grove 646-2120

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$675,000 2bd 2ba 25 Shepherds Knoll The Mitchell Group		**Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 646-2120
$1,795,000 3bd 2.5ba 3063 Forest Way Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa 1:30-4 Su 11-1** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$1,827,000 4bd 3.5ba 1043 Lost Barranca Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa 1-3 Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$1,975,000 3bd 3.5ba 2992 Bird Rock Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Su 1-3** Pebble Beach 626-2222
$2,150,000 4bd 3.5ba 3071 Forest Way Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa 2-4 Su 1:30-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,195,000 3bd 3.5ba 2913 17 Mile Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Sa Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 626-2224
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$3,500,000 4bd 3.5ba 1501 Vizcaino Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Sa 1-4** Pebble Beach 626-2221
$3,995,000 4bd 3.5ba 1452 Susan Way Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$6,450,000 5bd 5.5ba+gst hs 3930 Ronda Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Sa Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 626-2223

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This classic Country French cottage has been totally renovated while retaining the authentic charm. A Carmel stone courtyard welcomes you into the light filled interior with ocean views. This spacious home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and many superb details such as granite counters, custom cabinets, and imported travertine stone.

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PEBBLE BEACH

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tions increased from 253 last year to 295 this year, up 16.6 percent. Carmel again led the way with an increase of 37 percent.

The distribution of sales chart on page 4B shows how the lower price ranges are disappearing. There were no sales under $300,000 in the 10 markets, and only 10 in the $300,000 range. There were 74 sales of more than $1 million, 25 percent of the total number of transactions.

Median sales prices mostly up

Six of the 10 markets had increases in the median sales price over the same quarter of last year. The biggest increases were South Coast, up 75 percent; Carmel, up 28 percent; Marina and Seaside, up 23 percent and 24 percent respectively. Carmel Valley was down 13.5 percent from last year's exceptional first quarter price performance. More importantly, the valley was just a bit below last year's median sale price.

Market Barometer signals strong second quarter

We are in a hot market. Our market barometer, which measures the percentage of listings in escrow, has never been stronger. The April 1 reading was incredible. Del Rey Oaks topped the list with a 100 percent reading, three listings and all of them in escrow. The other leaders were Marina, 75 percent; Seaside 72 percent, and Monterey 55 percent. Pacific Grove was 46 percent and all of the other markets, with the exception of South Coast, were in the 30 plus percent range-strong readings. Even South Coast, dead last in the rankings, had a respectable 21 percent of its listings in escrow.

We are back in a strong sellers' market. The first half of the year looks like it will break all previous records.

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Average Days on Market

	1st Qtr 2003	1st Qtr 2004
Carmel	132	123
Carmel Vly	121	167
D. Rey Oaks	44	52
Marina	40	23
Monterey	89	66
P. Grove	88	76
Pebble Bch	188	231
Salinas Hwy	118	76
Seaside	95	33
South Coast	220	171

HOME SALES

From page 2B

CARMEL VALLEY

11 Piedras Blancas
$909,000
Michael A & Kim D Floyd to Richard Schneider

9647 Poplar Ct
$779,500
Monique Gardiner to Gregory J & Teresa L Kraft

7020 Valley Greens Dr
$765,000
Marilyn Easly to Michael U & Bertha R McElroy

45510 Carmel Valley Rd
$300,000
Rodney Wadsworth to Matthew & Melissa Schiveley

71 Boronda Rd
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Nancy P Burnett to Thomas Bradford & Barbara Brattin

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1081 Herders Rd
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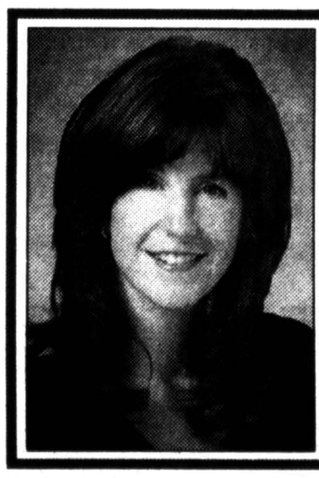

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form notifying her of the suspension. She was advised against driving until the matter is taken care of through the DMV.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog. Upon arrival, the dog could be heard. The resident was not home. It is possible she is out of town. There have been numerous complaints regarding this matter. Unknown description of dog.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject who was previously reported for borrowing money from neighbors. Advised him of the CMC violation for soliciting and he advised he would not repeat the act.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense harassing phone calls received at a Via Sereno residence.

Carmel area: Juvenile ran away from a Vista del Pinos residence.

Carmel area: Alarm heard outside a San Pedro Lane residence.

Carmel Valley: Physical domestic dispute at a residence.

Pebble Beach: Ongoing suspicious circumstances at a Herders Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Received a 911 call from a Peisano Road residence. Line was open.

Carmel area: Information taken at an Outlook Drive residence.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a 911 hang-up call at Dolores and Ocean at 0342 hours. Arrived and found the business closed and secure. There were no emergencies noted either. Unfounded.

Pebble Beach: Past-tense malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on Forest Lake Road.

Carmel Valley: Checked a subject's welfare at a Calle de la Ventana residence. Delivery driver observed aggressive behavior in a male toward an elderly female. Female, age 87, informed the witness that the male, later identified as her son, had injured her. Upon contact, she confirmed she had been battered by the suspect this past Saturday. He grabbed her arms and hands and pulled her walker out from under her, causing her to fall and sustain further injury. Significant bruising was visible and was consistent with physical abuse. Suspect, age 51, arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on a felony charge of dependent elder abuse. Adult Protective Services was notified and an

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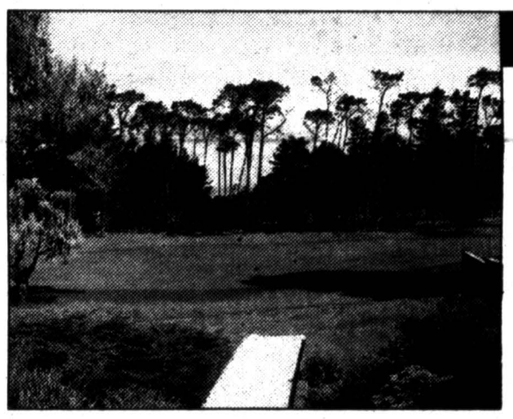

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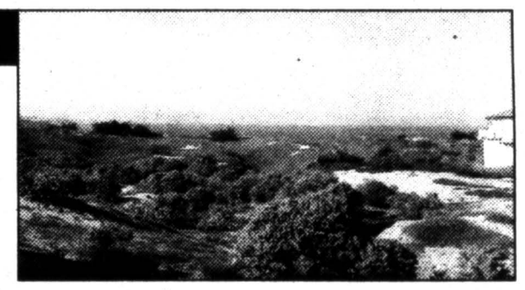

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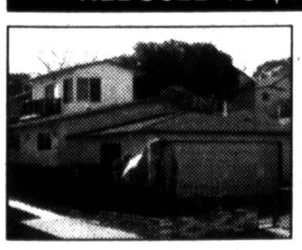

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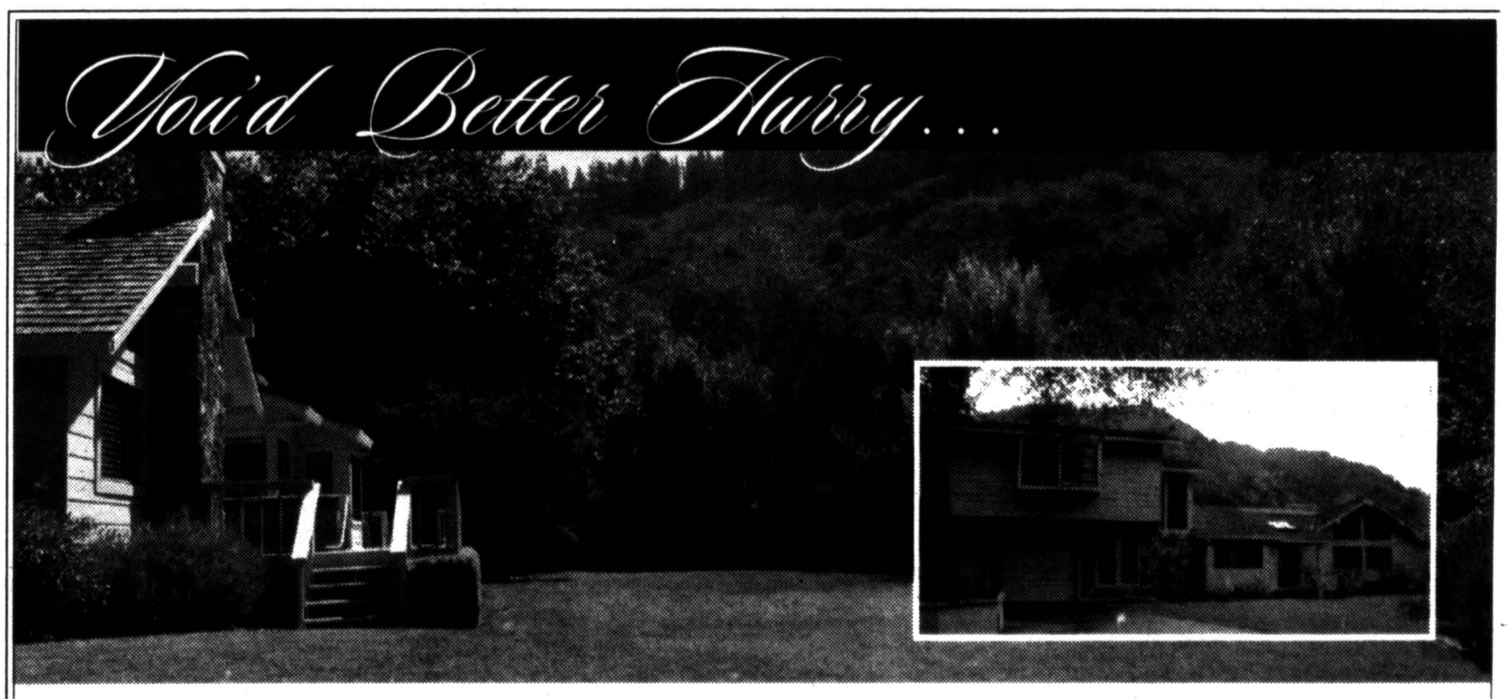

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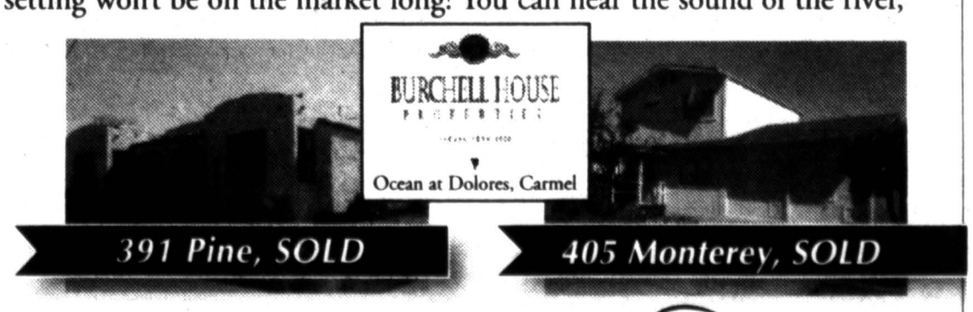

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POLICE LOG

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emergency court order was obtained to restrain the suspect from the residence and contact of the victim.

Pebble Beach: Information taken at a Sawmill Gulch Road residence.

Big Sur: Past-tense grand theft from a location on Highway 1 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line. Female who owns a store reported suspects on two occasions slipped the lock on a display case and took jewelry. Loss valued at $3,000 to $7,000.

Carmel Valley: Traffic stop conducted at Rancho San Carlos Road and Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Welfare check conducted at a Carmel Valley Road address.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to a medical emergency on Monterey Street. An 83-year-old female was found weak and dizzy and sitting on the ground. She was helped into the ambulance and transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a 911 hang-up call at a restaurant at Dolores and Sixth. Upon contact, subject told officers he had attempted to make a call and accidentally dialed 911. He apologized and said he would be more careful next time.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a possible intoxicated female at the bus stop at San Carlos and Seventh. Contacted a female in front of a liquor store. She stated she had too much to drink and just wanted to go home. Contacted her husband and confirmed everything was all right in the home. She was transported to her home and left in the care of her husband.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On two separate occasions, a male subject entered a San Carlos Street bank and attempted to withdraw money from an account he does not have. First incident occurred two weeks ago. He was told they could not assist him because he does not have an account. He tried again today to withdraw money from the bank. He was provided with a credit card appli-

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cation and turned it in today. On the application, it was noted he used "Al Pacino" as the applicant along with his name. He left without disturbing anyone but she was concerned for his mental well being. Advised her to notify CPD if he returns. Records check with Marina DPS showed he was contacted last June for trespassing. Attempts are being made to obtain his photograph and a bank alert was issued so that the PD could be contacted and his mental well-being evaluated.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Received a barking dog complaint. Contacted the resident, who keeps his dog inside. Even though the dog was inside, it could be heard barking. He said he would purchase a dog barking collar as a preventative measure to keep his dog from bothering the neighbors. Warning issued.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances at a Cypress Way residence.

Big Sur: Threats made against a victim on Highway 1 50 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Theft at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Door left open at an Elk Run Road residence.

Carmel area: Information taken at a San Pedro Lane residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense theft from an East Carmel Valley Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile ran away from a Salsipuedes Road residence.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to Torres Street on report of a female with difficulty breathing. Firefighters assisted medics with assessment of patient and loading patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of dogs barking in a Junipero residence. On arrival, there were no dogs barking. After arrival, the dogs were only barking when someone approached the front yard area and then settled down. Contacted by three concerned neighbors regarding the dogs. Contacted the dogs' owner. Concerns and possible solutions were discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject stayed overnight with a group of other male adults in a shelter program. This morning, he got into a verbal dispute with some of the other members. Since this has occurred before and the subject cannot always control his temper, assistance was requested in removing him from church property. He left without any further incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a 911 hang-up call from a pay phone on the third level of Carmel Plaza. No suspicious activity was noted and dispatch was notified.

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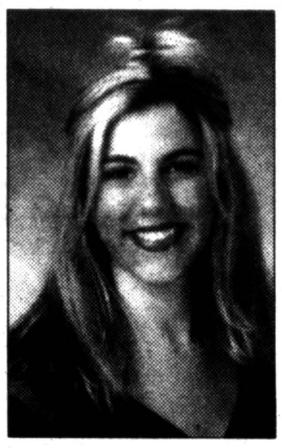

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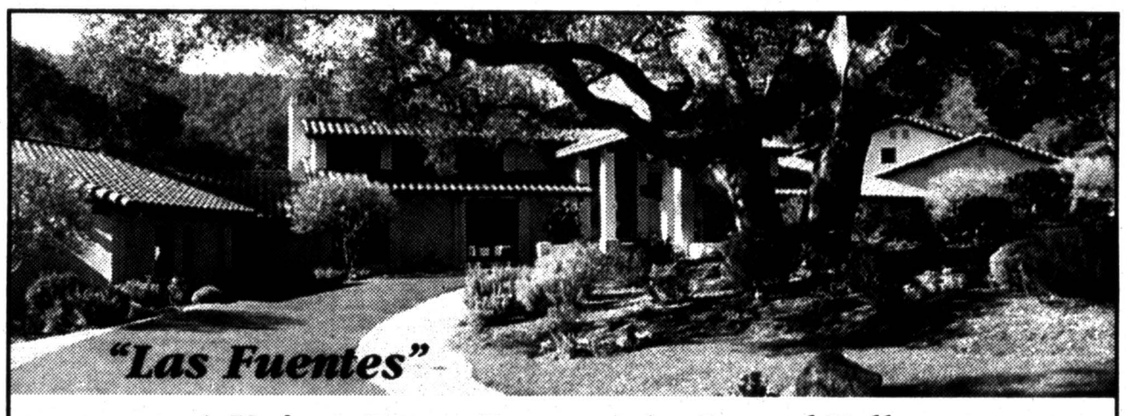

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"MAREBELLO!" A totally new house with excellent design, quality and sumptuous details. "Marebello" enjoys ocean views and a prestigious location. Vaulted-ceiling living room, entertainment room, wine cellar, 3 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths. Stone deck and patio. $4,895,000.

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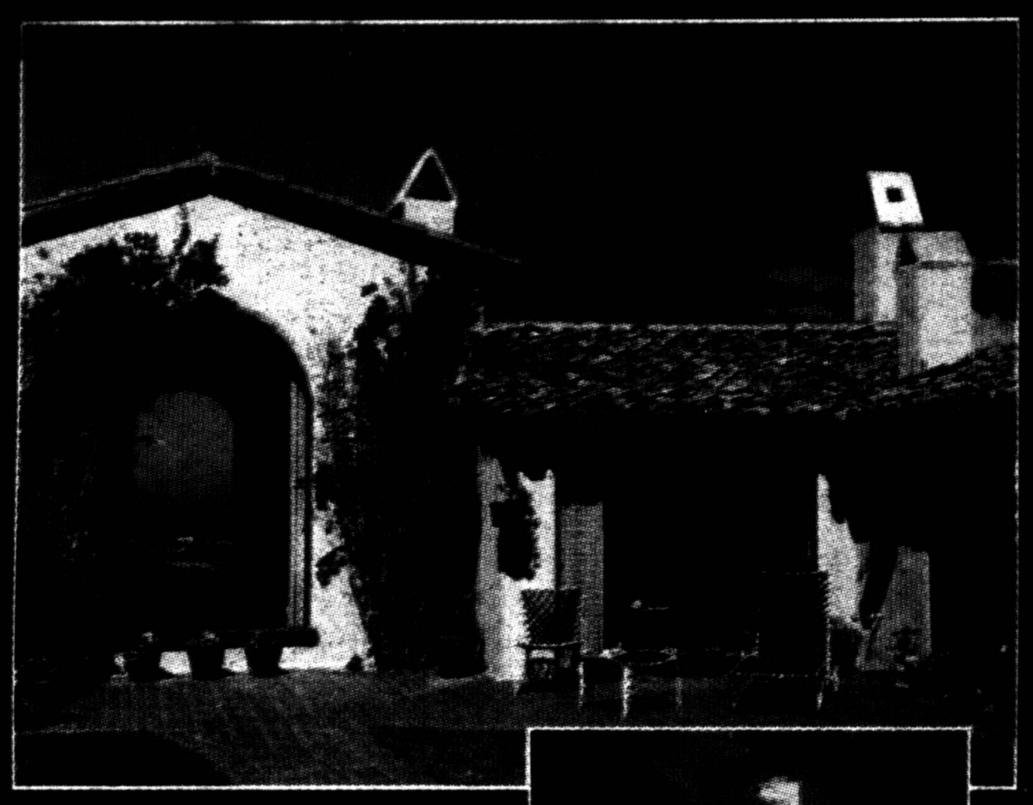

Architectural Treasure

A courtyard entry introduces this gracious home with stunning fairway and ocean-front views. On the 16th tee of MPCC's Dunes Course, the character of this Spanish-style home has been expanded to enjoy optimum views. The open kitchen features expansive windows and a corner fireplace. The spacious living room & formal dining room invite entertaining in classic style. $3,450,000

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